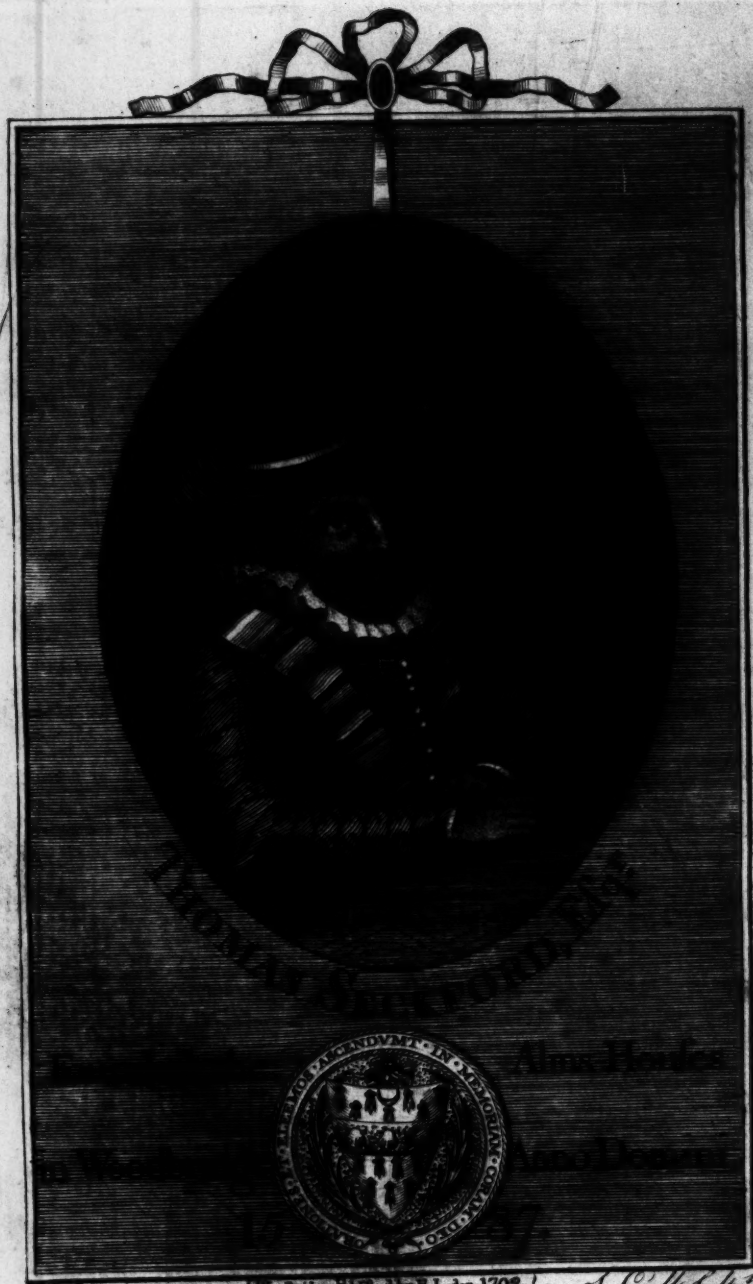




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**STATUTES, AND ORDINANCES,**  
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
**ALMS-HOUSES, IN *WOODBIDGE*,**  
IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,

Founded by **THOMAS SECKFORD, Esquire,**

Master of Requests, and Surveyor of the Court of Wards and Liveries,

In the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, 1587.

TOGETHER WITH OTHERS SUBSEQUENT, MADE BY

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MANY conjectures having arisen at different periods respecting the right and mode of appointing fit Persons to partake of Mr. SECKFORD's Charity, and as no general Account has been published on that Subject, the editor thought he could not employ the leisure hours of his profession in a more laudable way, than in collecting sufficient matter to gratify the curiosity of the inquisitive. During his office of churchwarden, the most material papers fell into his hands in the rotation of business, which enabled him to extract such particulars as he thought would be conducive towards illustrating the main object of his inquiry. To this he was further induced to proceed, by the liberal communications of the late Rev. Mr. *Cartbew*, who was ever ready to promote and encourage literary researches; and he is happy in having it in his power of paying that tribute of respect to his Memory his worth so eminently deserved. *Craven Ord*, Esq. will please to accept his respectful Thanks, for the obliging manner in which he assisted him with his Notes. His obligations are also due to *William Herbert*, of *Chebbunt*, Esq. for his readiness in procuring him an Extract from the Treatise on the Court of Requests. To the several other Gentlemen who have condescended to contribute their Notes, he begs leave to make his acknowledgements.

The additional Appendix concerning the \*PRIORY, formerly in this Town; —together with the MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS in the PAROCHIAL CHURCH, it is hoped will not prove unacceptable, more especially to those surviving Relatives who can contemplate them with a pleasing satisfaction, “when *their* friendly grief is mellowed by Time into a remembrance more sweet than painful.”

It remains only for the editor to return Thanks to his Subscribers, for the countenance and encouragement They have rendered him towards the Expence of this publication, which, he hopes will be considered of some utility to the Inhabitants of this his native place; and, in a small degree, be the means of perpetuating the Memory of Mr. SECKFORD; or 'till such Time as the GOVERNORS shall be pleased to order and direct a more durable MONUMENT for that purpose.

R. LODER.

Woodbridge,

1792.

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\* The learned Editor of the *Notitia Monastica*, has ascribed the Foundation to *Ernaldus Ruffus*, and his Posterity, on the authority of the Mon. Angl. tom. ii. p. 362; and Leland's Collect. vol. 1. p. 62. I have presumed to cite *Weaver*, upon this supposition, that the latter had undoubtedly seen the *Priory Register*, from which he made his extracts. See Appendix, p. 1. 2.

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# Genealogical Account of SEKFORD, SEKEFORD, or SECKFORD,

—A Family of GENTRY, who had their Seat at \*SEKFORD-HALL, in Great-Bealings, in the County of Suffolk, from the Reign of EDW. II. to 1673.

Arms of SEKFORD Quarterly,—at SEKFORD-HALL,—WOODBRIDGE Abbey,—The East Window in the Chapel at Woodbridge Church,—The Sessions-Hall at Woodbridge, &c. &c.

1. SEKFORD. Erm. on a fess Gu. 3 Escallops Ar.	2. LE HUNTER, or PURRY. Ar. a fess Gu. between 3 blowing horns Sa. garnished Or.
3. HACKFORD. Checquey Or. and Vert.	4. JENNEY. Paly of Six Or. and Gu. a chief Erm.

- (1.) BARTH. SEKFORD DE SEKFORD, of Suffolk. — John S. of S. Esq. married Anne, dau. of Peter Hunter.
- Sir John S. of S. in the Parish of Great-Bealings, S. Lord of West-Harling, Norf. (1331) married Joan, d. and h. of Sir William Hackford.
- Sir John S. of S. Esq. living in (1359) married Alice —
- Sir George S. of S. Knight, married Margaret dau. and h. of Sir Thomas Jenney of Suff. Knight, about 1401.
- George S. of S. Esq. married Margaret dau. of — Goldingham, and died in 1450.
- From whom descended, Thomas S. of S. Esq. who married Margaret dau. of John Purry, of Aylsham, Norf. Esq. about 1476, and died 1507. — Eliz. his sister, — George died without Issue, — Eleanor married to John Mannock, — Christian married to Robert Warner.
- From T. S. above, descended \*Thomas S. of Seckford-Hall, Esq. (Father of the Master of Requests) who married Margaret the daughter of Sir John Wingfield, of Letheringham, Knight. He represented the Borough of Orford in several Parliaments; and died in 1575, Æt. 80, and lies buried in Great-Bealings Church, where there is a Monument erected to his Memory, with the following Inscription, —

Obit Pater  
30 Septembris  
1575 An. Ætatis  
suæ 80.

Parentibus suis charissimis THOMÆ  
SEKFORD de SEKFORD Armigero:  
et MARGARITÆ Vxori eius de Fili-  
liabus Joannis Wingfeld de Lethering-  
ham, Militis. THOMAS SEKFORD  
Filius Regiæ Majestati alibellis suppli-  
cum per Annos 25 observantiæ et pietatis  
ergo posuit Ætatis suæ 67, Anno DNI.  
1583.

Obit Mater  
29 Octobris  
1557 An. Ætatis  
suæ 64.

(Arms of Sekford, Winkfeld, &c.

- \* An excellent Portrait of this Gentleman is preserved in the Almshouse at Woodbridge.
- Weever in his Funeral Monuments, pa. 511. has the following Inscription, —
- “ THOMAS SACKFORD, Esquire, ELIZABETH and MARGARET his Wiues,  
“ which THOMAS dyed xxiiij of Nouemb. in An. M. D. V. ” — In the Aile opposite  
Mr. S's. Monument, is a large black marble stone, which was formerly inlaid with several  
brasses, probably containing the above Inscription. — Mr. S. repaired and beautified the  
Church of Great-Bealings. — Cicely S. mar. Thomas Felton, of Playford.
- Francis S. eldest Son of T. S. married Ellen, dau. of Sir Thomas Newbury of Staffordsh.  
(Quere. Ellen, Dau. of — Whittington) — Francis died vivente Patre.
- THOMAS SEKFORD, second Son, Master of Requests, and Surveyor of the Court of  
Wards and Liveries, founded the ALMSHOUSE at WOODBRIDGE, and was married  
to Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Harlowe, Widow of Sir Martin Bowes, of London, Knight,  
he died without Issue, in 1583, — of whom see more hereafter.
- John S. 3d Son, of Little-Bealings, S. married Agnes, dau. of — Cranwell, of Lincolnsh.
- Anthony, 4th Son, — Humphrey, 5th Son, — Henry, 6th Son, Knt. one of the Qu.  
Privy-Chamber, living in 1577, mar. Alice dau. of — Bedingfield, — Thomas S. Knt.  
7th Son, married Rebecca daugh. of Robert Brandon, of London, Widow of John Rowe,  
— Thomas S. married Catherine daughter of George Metham of — Lincolnsh. —  
Mary S. married Thomas Godbold, of Fressingfield, — Elizabeth S. married Arthur  
Girling, Esq. and afterwards to John Purpett.
- Charles S. succeeded his Grandfather in the Sekford-Hall Estate, and his Uncle in the  
Woodbridge Priory Estate, he married Mary, daughter of Thomas Steyning of Earl-Soham,  
Esq. by his Wife the Right Hon. Frances Countess Dowager of Surrey, daughter of John  
Vere, Earl of Oxford; he made a settlement to the Heirs Male of his Grandfather, remain-  
der to his own right Heirs. He represented the Borough of Aldeburgh in Parliament 14.  
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bridge; as was his Widow in 1596. — Catherine S. married Edm. Pooley, of Badley, S.  
— Frances. S. mar. Edmund Pakenham.
- Sir Thomas S. Knight, married Amie, dau. of — Brewster, died in August 1610, and was  
buried in the Chapel at Woodbridge.
- Henry S. Esq. on failure of Issue Male of his Brother Sir Thomas in 1624, became seized  
of all the Estates. He died S. P. in May 1626, and was buried in the Family Vault at  
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 “ docilitatis, eruditionis rarum et supra ætatem sua nimis maturum exemplar, morbo correptus,  
 “ spiritum suum in manus Dei immortalis commendavit. Tu interim, qui hæc legis, tecum  
 “ reputa quod præclarum æstimas non diu tibi duraturum. Obiit 26 Die Junii, anno ætatis  
 “ suæ, 16. Domini 1624.— [HENRICUS SEKFORD Patruus Nepoti posuit.

Quid, Generis, Formæque memor mea deprimis ossa,

Invida congeries! Nil mihi Fata nocent:

Ignosco, paucos si mors mihi debeat annos,

Sat vixi, Pietas si mihi adulta fuit:

Dum studui, et vestris, indulgi rebus amorem,

Parca meos ausa est præcipitare dies:

Discite nil nostro, Juvenes, terrore moveri;

Qui vitæ in libro scribitur ille studet,

Sit mihi sub tristi hoc mortis dormire triumpho,

Tu vigila: Heu Fatum, dum legis, venit.” — T. Goldfinch, deflevit.

—Henry S. of Clerkenwell, Master of the Pavilion to King James, supported his Claim as Heir Male of the body of old Thomas his Grandfather, and sued his Livery 5 Car. 1629, he suffering a recovery, and being seized in fee of the whole Estate, settled the same on himself, and Dorothy his Wife, and their heirs in fee. He died 29th Nov. 1638. S. P. and was buried in the Family Vault at Woodbridge. On his death, his Widow by the right of survivorship became seized in fee of all the Sekford Estates.

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Mrs. Dorothy S. was the daughter of Sir Henry North, Knight, and sister of Henry North, of Laxfield, Esquire; she died at Sekford-Hall in 1673, and was buried in the Vault at Woodbridge.—8th of April, 1673, by her Will she gave the Sekford-Hall Estates to Sekford Cage, the Heir general of the Sekford Family, who sold them to Mr. Atkinson.—The Woodbridge Priory Estate she gave to her own Relations, the Norths of Laxfield, in which Family it continued until 1707; and then by devise of Edward North, Esquire, went to the Family of Carthew. (1791.) after the decease of the Rev. THOMAS CARTHEW, the Priory Estate was divided and sold; at which Time the Capital Mansion called the Abbey or Priory, was purchased by FRANCIS BROOKE, of Ufford, Esquire.—An Estate at Bouldge, Mrs. S. gave to her Cousin Sir Henry North, Bart. from whom it descended to Sir Thomas Hanmer; and from him to the Family of BUNBURY.—She also gave the Rectory of Woodbridge, to Trustees, for the Benefit of the Minister, for Ever.—and she also gave Ten Pounds or upwards, towards augmenting The IPSWICH LIBRARY.

—Mary S. Sister of T. S. of Trin. Col. married to Sir Anthony Cage, of Langston, in the Co. of Cambridge, Knt. and on the death of her Uncle, claimed as Heir general, alledging that Henry, of Clerkenwell, who claimed as Son of Thomas the 7th Son of old Thomas, was illegitimate, but failed in the suit.—From this Marriage descended John Cage, of Dallingham, in the said Co. of Camb. Esq. living in 1670, the heir of the eldest of whose Family, (if such there be) is the heir general of the Family of Sekford, of Sekford-Hall.

- SEKFORD-HALL is about half a mile distant from Woodbridge, retaining its ancient form, (see the View hereto annexed) (1791, in the occupation of Mr. Hurd.)—In a gallery of the hall there was lately remaining one old picture of a Lady, probably of the Family, on wood, 1613, or 1653.—several other portraits are preserved in the Almshouse at Woodbridge.

# Genealogical Abstract of the Records of the County of Essex, Massachusetts, from 1630 to 1800.

The County of Essex, Massachusetts, was first settled in 1630 by a group of Puritan settlers from the County of Essex, England. The records of the County of Essex, Massachusetts, from 1630 to 1800, are a valuable source of information for genealogical research. The records are divided into three main sections: the first section contains the records of the County of Essex, Massachusetts, from 1630 to 1700; the second section contains the records of the County of Essex, Massachusetts, from 1700 to 1800; and the third section contains the records of the County of Essex, Massachusetts, from 1800 to the present.

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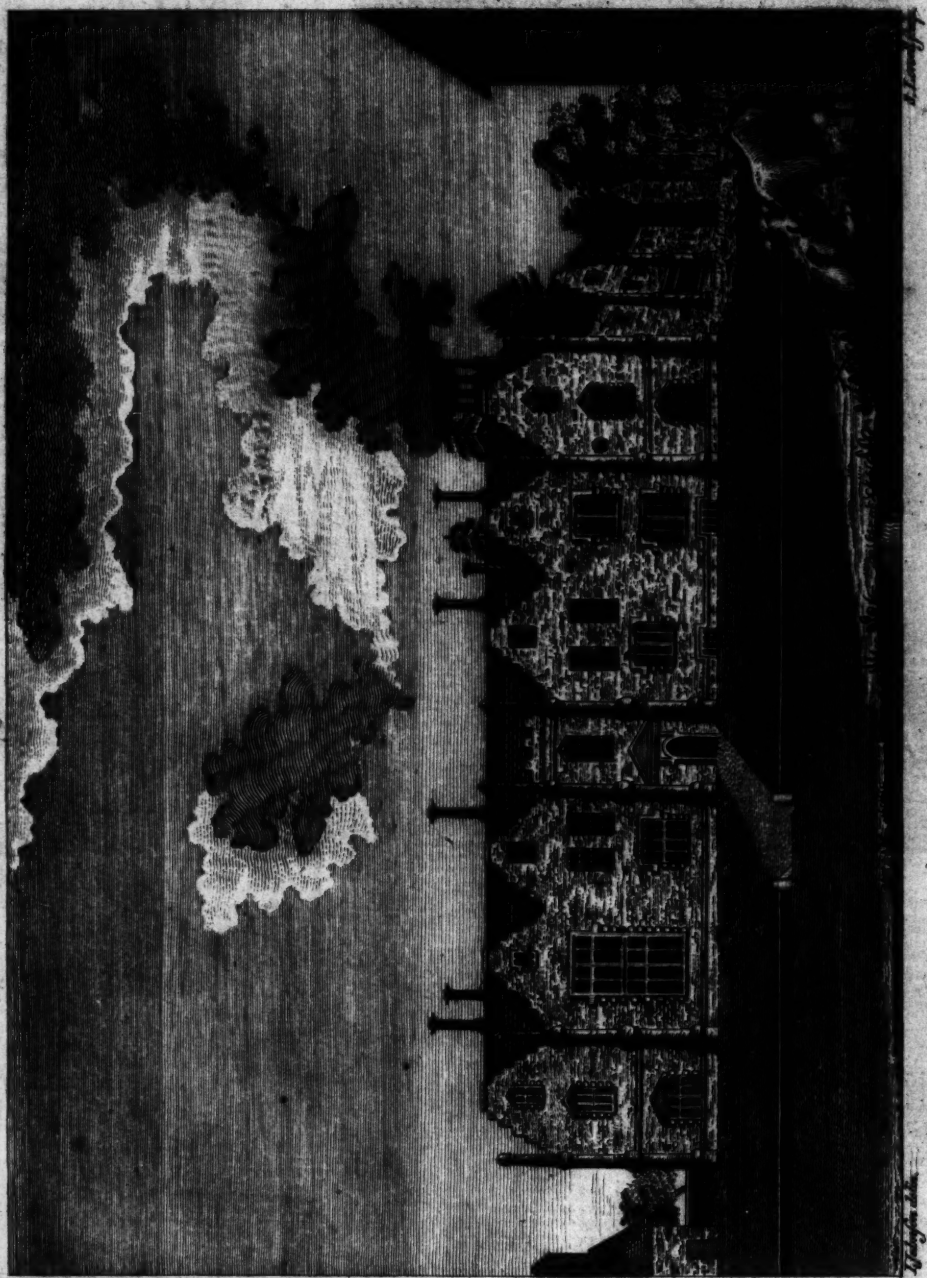
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*Seckford Hall, in Great Bealings, Suffolk.*

Woodbridge, published by R. Loder, 1791.

**THOMAS SECKFORD, Esquire**, one of the Masters of the (1) Court of Requests, and Surveyor of the (2) Court of Wards and Liveries, in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, was the Second Son of **THOMAS SECKFORD**, of **SECKFORD-HALL**, in **GREAT-BEALINGS**, in the County of **Suffolk**, Esq. by **MARGARET** the Daughter of **Sir JOHN WINGFIELD**, of **Letheringham**, in the said County, Knight. A Gentleman not less distinguished in the Profession of the Law, to which he was bred, than in the other Accomplishments of Polite Literature, the Fashion of the Age in which he lived; and through whose Patronage to his Servant, (3) *Christopher Saxton*, we are obliged for the first Maps of Counties. By the Encouragement and at the Expence of his Master, *Saxton* undertook and published a compleat Set of Maps of the Counties of England and Wales; many of which he engraved himself; and in the remainder he was assisted by *Remegius Hogenberg* and Others. The County Maps, dedicated to the Queen, and adorned with the royal arms, and those of the promoter, Master *Seckford*, were published by *Saxton* in 1579, the dates on different plates shewing that the labour of Six Years, that is from 1574, to 1579, both included, had been bestowed on them. The (4) Patent granted by the Queen, to *Saxton*, for licence to publish this Work, being singularly curious, and printed in a Book out of the reach of ordinary purchasers, is inserted at length hereafter, in pa. iii. — *Harrison*, the Editor of *Hollinghead's Chronicle*, acknowledges his Obligations to Mr. *Seckford*, in a (5) Dedication prefixed to a Part of that Work, containing "The Description of Scotland;" therein referring to the Helps he had received from his platforms of the Shires of England alreadie finished. — See pa. iv.

In the Acts, &c. of the Court of Requests, the first mention of *Tho. Seckford*, Esq. is "25. Jan. 1mo. Eliz. (1558-9.) The names of the Q. maiesties Counsel of her Court of Requests, Walter Haddon, Esq. Dr. of Law, & *Tho. Seckford*, esq; learned in the Comon Lawes of the realme." — Again, "2 Maij, 8 Eliz. (1566.) Magistri Requisitionum Episcopus Rossensis, Walterus Haddon, & *Tho. Seckford*;" — and 5 June following "An admirall cause was comitted by the Lords of ye Q. Counsell to maister *Tho. Seckford*, who decreed in this court, &c." — The 24 Jan. 11. Eliz. (1568-9.) Episc. Rossensis eleemosynarius, W. Haddon — and *Tho. Seckford* Esq; sate judges in this court. — 26 Maij, 23 Eliz. (1581.) Nomina Consiliariorum Dom. Reginae in curia Requisitionum, *Tho. Seckford* armiger, Val. Dale, & David Lewes, Legum Doctores. — From this Time we find no further mention of Mr. *Seckford* in that Court, or in any Public Employment, his advanced Age probably leading him to a quiet retirement in the Country.

In the 26th Year of Elizabeth, he obtained the Queen's LETTERS PATENT for founding and endowing the **ALMSHOUSE** at **WOODBIDGE**, called after his Name, constituting a Set of Ordinances, drawn up by himself, for the Government of his Charity, which have been deemed so perfect in their formation, that successive Governors after his decease, have seldom thought proper to deviate from his general Plan.

Indeed, if we maturely consider, the Policy of letting an Estate upon Building Leases, to be renewed from Time to Time, with additional Annual Rents, in a Spot likely to be productive, the growing Revenues in a succession of Years must accumulate far beyond the original Views of the Grantor. — At the Foundation of the Almshouse, in 1587, Mr. *Seckford's* Estate lett for £112. 13s. 4d. but is now raised by various gradations, to £563. 10s. clear of charges. — what the Revenues may amount to at the expiration of the present Leases, upon a renewal of new ones, is impossible to ascertain; but, when it is considered, that upwards of £20,000. have been expended within a few Years only, upon the Estate in *Clerkenwell*, it may reasonably be supposed, that a considerable advance will then take place.

By the liberal Provision now made for the Poor in the Almshouse, they enjoy all the Comforts old Age, or debility can wish for, and have reason Daily to bless the Memory of its Pious Founder. — 'Tis worth remarking, that *Woodbridge* and *Framlingham*, places nearly contiguous, in the same County, should have both of them Lawyers for their principal Benefactors, the one of Queen Elizabeth's Council; the other, Attorney to Anne, Queen of K. James; — but Men of kindred Minds and enlarged Ideas, such as these were, are an honor to any Profession, Place, or Country. — To return:

By

" By a Grant from Q. Eliz. under the Great Seal, dated 15 May, Ann. Reg. 6. Dom. 1564, reciting first, a Lease dated 20 Oct. 30 Hen. VIII. for 21 Years, granted to Sir Anthony Wingfield, Knt.---Also reciting a Grant bearing Date 6 Mar. 33 Hen. VIII. to John Wingfield, Esq. and Dorothy his Wife, and the Heirs Male of their bodies; and that the said J. W. was dead without such Issue, and that the reversion on the death of the said Dorothy belonged to the Crown.---Whereupon in consideration of £764. 8. 4. paid into the Exchequer, by *Thomas Sekeford*, Esquire, Master of Requests, the Queen grants to him the reversion, after the death of the said Dorothy, of the Scite of the late Priory of *Woodbridge*;---also of the Manor of *Woodbridge*, and all the Lands, &c. thereunto belonging, and also, the Capital Mansion, and other the Lands, &c. within the precinct of the Priory or Manor of *Woodbridge*;---also, all other the Estates of the Priory in *Woodbridge*, Martlesham, Magna-Belings, Hasketon alias Hastun, Grunes-Burghe, and elsewhere, in Suffolk, to the said Manor belonging; also, all that Water-Mill, called *Woodbridge Mill*; also, the Rectory of *Woodbridge*, with its Appurtenances:---"

Further, the Manor of Haspeley, with its Appurtenances, in the said County, and also, the Capital Mansion of Haspeley, with all the Lands, &c. before mentioned; Also, the Manor of Aylesborne or Allesborne, with the Church or Chapel of Allesborne, or St. Petronelle, and all the Lands, &c. to the said Manor before mentioned; and all Tyths in the said Manor, and of the Lands, called Ponds to the said Chapel belonging; also, all that Rectory of Brandeston, with its Appurtenances; all which were Parcels of the Possessions of the late dissolved Priory of *Woodbridge*, (amongst the general words) Fairs, Markets, Tolls and Customs, and all other Manerial Rights whatever, in as full and ample manner, as the same were enjoyed by the Prior of the said Premises, or any succeeding Grantee, (reserving all Bells and Lead) except for gutters and windows,---To hold to, and to the Use of the said *Thomas Sekeford*, and his Heirs for Ever.---The Manor of *Woodbridge*, &c. in Capite by Knights Service, viz. the 40th part of a Knight's Fee; and the Rectory of *Woodbridge*, and all other Premises of the Manor of E. Greenwich, in free and common Socage."

Mr. *Seckford* built a House in St. Matthew's Parish, Ipswich, (a View of which is published in an old Plan of the Town) and represented that Borough in three Parliaments. He also built the Sessions-Hall at *Woodbridge*, (the Quarter Sessions of the Peace being removed from Melton, where it was formerly held) giving the Upper Part of it for the Use of the County for Ever, reserving no Rent.

He married ELIZABETH Daughter of THOMAS HARLOWE, Widow of Sir Martin Bowes, Knt. Lord Mayor of London, and died without Issue, Jan. 1584, Æt. 72. and was buried in the Vault of the Chapel at the North End of the Chancel adjoining to *Woodbridge Church*, which he had erected in his life time.---An altar like Tomb, consisting of a spacious grey Marble Table, supported by 8 attick pilasters, with arches, stands in the centre of the Chapel, without ANY Inscription; though there appears to have been several brasses inlaid upon the under side, taken away, in all probability, by the Window-breaking Visitor, master DOWSING, amongst other depredations of that kind, in his visits to the Church, in 1643.

(1.) " Court of Requests, was a Court of Equity, of the same Nature with the Court of Chancery, but inferior to it; principally instituted for the Relief of such Petitioners, as in concionable Cases addressed themselves by Supplication to his Majesty. Of this Court the Lord Privy Seal was Chief Judge, assisted by the Masters of the Requests; and it had Beginning about 9 Hen. VII.---and by the Stat. 16. and 17. Car. I. c. 10. it was discharged." Jacob's Law Dict.

(2.) " Court of Wards was a Court first erected in the Reign of Hen. VIII. and afterwards augmented by him with the Office of Liveries; wherefore it was stiled the Court of Wards and Liveries; discharged by 12 Car. II. " Ibid.---For a further Account of these Courts, see the Description annexed to the Print, published by the Society of Antiquaries.

(3.) See Walpole's Anecdotes of Painting, &c. vol. 5th 8vo. pa. 22.

(4.) "D'Con" Nona pars patentium de anno regni regine Elizabethhe decimo  
*Christ. Saxton.* nono, m. 20.

Elizabeth by the grace of God, &c. to all manner of printers, booksellers, and other our officers, ministers, and subjects gretinge. Whereas Christopher Saxton, servaunte to our trustie and wel beloved *Thomas Sekeford*, esquier, master of requestes unto us, hath already (at the greate cosse, expences, and charges of his said master) traveyled throughe the greateste parte of this our realme of England, and hath to the greate pleasure and comoditie of us, and our lovinge subjectes, uppon the perfecte viewe of a great number of the severall counties, and sheires of our faide realme, drawen oute, and sett forth, diverse trew and pleasaunt mappes, chartes, or platts of the same counties, together with the citties, townes, villages, and ryvers, therein contryned, vearie diligentlye and exactlie donne; and entendithe, yf God graunte hym lief, further to travell therein, througheout all the residue of our faide realme, and so from tyme to tyme to cause the same platts, and descriptions, to be well and sayre ingraven in plates of copper, and to be after impressed and stamped out of the same, as well to the comoditie of our subjectes, as to all other, that shall have pleasure to see and peruse the same: We lett youe witte, that for the better encourageinge of the faide Christopher, to proceede in this his so profitable and beneficiall an enterprize to all manner of Persons, of our especiall grace, certen knowledge, and mere mocyon, we have geven, and graunted, and by theise presents do geve and graunte, priviledge and lycence unto the faide Christopher Saxton, and to the assigne, and assignes of hym, that he the said Christopher Saxton, and the assigne, or assignes of hym onelye, and none other, for, and duringe the space of tenne yeres nexie ensuewinge the date of this our lycence, shall and may by himselfe, his assigne, and assignes, factors, and deputyes, im- prynte, and sett fourthe, or cause to be imprynted, and set fourthe, any, and as manye suche mappes, chartts, and platts of this our realme of Englande and Wales, or of anye countye, or other parte thereof, by hym allreadie, or hereafter to be sett fourthe, as to hym and to his said deputye, and deputyes, shall seme mete and convenient, and shall and maye sell, or utter, or cause to be solde, or uttered, anye suche imprinted mappes, chartts, or platts, as aforesaid. And further, we do by theise presentes strenghtlye forbydde, prohibite, and commaunde, all and singuler other parson, and parsons, as well printers and booksellers, as all and everye others whatsoever, beinge either our subjectes, or straungers, (other than the faide Christopher Saxton, and the assigne, and assignes of hym) or such other, as by the said Christopher, his executors, or assignes, shal be appoynted, that they, nor any of them, duringe the faide term of tenne yeres, in any manner of wyse, shall imprynte, or cause to be imprynted, drawen, paynted, or sett fourthe, any manner mappe, charte, or platte, as aforesaid, but onelye the faide Christopher Saxton, or the assigne, or assignes, servaunte, or servauntes, deputyes, or factors of hym the faide Christopher Saxton; nor shall bringe in, or cause to be broughte, from the partes beyonde the seas, into, or within our realmes, or domynyons, nor in the same shall sell, utter, or put to sale, or otherwise dispose anye of the said mappes, chartes, or plattes of anye our realmes, or domynyons, or anye partes, or parcelles, of the same, made, or imprynted, in anie forreyn cuntrye, uppon payne of our heighe indignacion and displeasure; and that everye offender doinge contrarye to th effecte, and true meaninge of thies presents, shall for everye such offence forfeite to thuse of us, our heires, and successours, the somme of tenne poundes, of lafull monye of Englande; and shall also moreover forfeite to the faide Christopher Saxton, and to th'assigne, and assignes of hym, all and everye suche mappes, chartts, and plattes, as shal be imprynted, solde, or uttered, contrarie to the trewe entente and meaninge of thies presents; willinge therefore, and commaundyng, as well the maister and wardens of the misterye of stacyoners, in our citey of London, as also all other our officers, ministers, and subjectes, as they will avoyde our displeasure and indignacion, that they, and everye of them, at all tymes, when nede shall requier, duringe the said terme, doe ayde and assiste the said Christopher Saxton, and the assigne, and assignes of hym, and everye of them, in the due exerceyseinge and execucion of thies our presente lycence and priviledge, with the effecte accordinge to the true meanyng of the same, although the expresse mencion, &c. In Witnes whereof, &c. Witnes our selfe at Goramburie, the twoe and twentie daye of Julye, in the nineteenthe yeare of our reigne.

Per ipsam Reginam, &c. "

\* Vide Ames's *Typographical Antiquities*, pa. 541, &c.

- (5.) "To the Right worshipfull Maister *Thomas Secford* Esquire and Maister of the Requests, *William Harrison* wisheth all knowledg of God, with dailie increase of his gifts at this present, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Having by your singular curtesie receiued great help in my description of the riuers and streames of Britaine, and by conference of my trauell with the platforms of those few shires of England which are by your infinite charges alreadie finished (as the rest shall be in time by Gods helpe, for the inestimable benefit of such as inhabit this Island) not a little polished those rough courses of diuers waters not exactly before time described by Leland our countrie man, or any ancient writer, I could not deuise any thing more agreeable with mine abilitie and your good nature (which greatlie fauoureth any thing that is doone for a commoditie vnto many) than to shew some token of my thankfulness for these your manifold kindneses, by the dedication of my simple translation of the description of Scotland at this time unto your worship.

Indeed the trauell taken heerein is not great, bicause I tie not my translation vnto his letter, neither the treatise of it selfe such, as taketh vp any huge roome in the volume of this chronicle. But such as it is, and whatfoeur it is, I yeeld it wholie vnto you, as a testimonie of my good will, which detesteth vtterlie to receiue any benefit, though it be neuer so small, and not to be thankfull for it. Certes my vocation is such, as calleth me to a farre other kind of studie, so that I exercise these things onlie for recreation sake, and to saie the truth, it is much vsfitting for him that professeth Diuinitie, to applie his time any otherwise vnto contemplation of ciuill histories. And this is the cause wherfore I haue chosen rather onlie with the losse of three or four daies to translate Hector out of the Scottish (a toong verie like vnto ours) than with more expense of time to deuise a new, or follow the Latine copie, which is far more large and copious. How excellentlie if you consider the art, Boetius hath penned it, and the rest of his historie in Latine, the skilfull are not ignorant: but how profitablie and compendiouslie John Bellenden archdeacon of Murrey his interpreter hath turned him from the Latine into the Scottish toong, there are verie few Englishmen that know, bicause we want the books. Wherefore sith the learned read him in his owne stile, and his countrymen in their naturall language, why should not we borrow his description, and read the same in English likewise, sith the knowledge thereof may redound to the great benefit of so manie as read or heare the same? Accept therefore (right worshipfull) this my simple offer, and although I assure my selfe, your naturall inclination to be such, as that it will take nothing in ill part that is well meant toward you, how rudelie soeuer it be handled in the doing, yet I will not let to craue pardon for my presumption, in that I dare be so bold as to offer such a trifle to you, whom more weightie affaires doo dailie call from things of so small importance. Almighty God keepe your worship from time to time in his feare, and blesse you and my good Ladie your Wife with such increase of his benefits, as may most redound to his glory, and your own aduantage."

## Abstract

Abstract of the Last Will and Testament of *THOMAS SECKFORD*, Esquire one of the ordinary Masters of Requests, to the Queen's most excellent Majesty, set down in Articles, and begun this first Day of August, in the 29th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *Elizabeth*, by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*(The Gift of the Almshouse, and Lands in Woodbridge, to the Governors.)*

" And whereas I stand seized to me and my Heirs, of and in one Messuage, containing seven Houses or Dwellings all under one Roof, by me lately erected and builded, of Brick and Stone, with two Stories and one Garret in every one of them, situate in *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Suffolk*, which by Licence from the Queen's Majesty, under her Highness' Great Seal of England, I lately erected and founded for an Almshouse, and the same is now by Words mentioned and contained in the said Letters Patents, called, *Seckford's Almshouse*;—and of and in *four Gardens*, appointed and laid out to the same. And also, of and in *Two Acres and Three Roods of Land*, lying on the West-Part of the said Messuage and Gardens. And also, of and in *\*One Rood of Land*, with a *Fountain or Well*, within my newly-inclosed Park, at *Woodbridge* aforesaid. I give and bequeath all the said Messuage, Gardens, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to the Governors of the House of Poor, or Almshouse, called *SECKFORD'S ALMSHOUSE*, in *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Suffolk*, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Messuage, and all other the Premises with the Appurtenances, to them the said Governors, and their Successors for Ever. To the Intent, there shall be in the said Houses or Dwellings continually resident, either in the Life, or after the Death of me the said *Thomas Seckford*, THIRTEEN POOR MEN, or some of them,—that is to say,—in every of those six Houses of the said seven Houses or Dwellings that be westward, two poor Men unmarried; and in the seventh House or Dwelling towards the east, one only poor Man, which shall be called the *Principal* of the Poor aforesaid, according to the Tenor of her Majesty's said Licence to me granted, bearing Date the xxiiij Day of May last past, and according to my true meaning expressed in certain Ordinances and Statutes by me made, devised, and set down in Writing, under my Hand, for the better Government and Order of the said thirteen poor Men. "—

*(The Gift of the Tenements in Clerkenwell, to the Governors.)*

" And whereas I stand seized to me and to my Heirs, of and in all those Parcels of Ground hereafter mentioned, lying within the Close, heretofore called

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\* From the best Information, it does not appear, that the "Rood of Land" abovementioned was ever inclosed seperately from the Park, (or Fen, as it is now called)—but the Poor of the Almshouse made Use of the "Well or Fountain" so lately as 1754,—at which Time a new Well was made, and Pump put down, upon the Pavement fronting the Almshouse, for the better accommodation of the Alms-people, under the directions of the then Churchwardens.

led St. Mary Close, in the Parish of *Clerkenwell*, in the County of *Middlesex*, which now to my great Charges I have inclosed with a Brick-Wall, (that is to say) of and in all that principal new builded House or Houses, next to St. John's, wherein I now dwell, with the broad Walk under the South Wall of the said Close, called St. Mary Close, with one Piece of Ground set forth, appointed, and laid out to belong to the said House, which said Piece of Ground, besides the said Walk, and beside the Walk at the West End of the same, containeth *half an Acre*; which said House and Houses, and other the Premises, I purpose to demise and lett for divers Years, for the Yearly Rent of Thirty and Six Pounds. And of and in one other new builded House, containing a Hall, a Parlour, a Kitchen, three Chambers, and two Garrets, and a Cellar under the same Hall, to the said principal House adjoining, with the Gatehouse, Wash-house, and other Buildings. And of and in a Garden Plott, and one piece of Ground set out and appointed to belong and appertain to the said new builded House, containing by estimation, *half an Acre and Eleven Perches*, besides the Walk at the West End of the same; which said last recited Premises are now demised together to one——— for the Yearly Rent of Twenty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings Four-pence. And also, of and in one Stable, with the Yard belonging to the same; and of and in one Piece of Ground, containing by estimation, *two Acres and thirty-two Perches*, appointed for the making of my Gardens, as the same be now demised together, to *William Bowes*, Esquire, and *Thomas Hall*, Gentleman, for the Term of Sixty Years, for the Yearly Rent of Thirty-two Pounds. And also, of and in certain Ground or Gardens, as the same is now fenced and inclosed with a Brick-Wall on the East and North Parts, and with a Timber-Wall and Quicksett on the West Part, and with a Ditch and Quicksett on the South Part, containing by estimation,——— *Acres*, as the same is now demised to one *William Gold*, for the Term of Thirty Years, for the Yearly Rent of Eighteen Pounds. The whole Yearly Revenue of all which said Premises, as the same are or may be letten for, amounteth to the Sum of £112. 13. 4. I give and bequeath all the said new builded Houses, Gardens, Stables, Grounds, and all other the Premises before recited, and the Rents, Reversion and Reversions, and Inheritance of the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof, unto the Governors of the said House of Poor, or Almshouse, called *Seckford's Almshouse*, in *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Suffolk*, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to them, and their Successors for Ever. To the intent, that the Issues, Revenues, and Profits yearly coming, arising, and growing, of all the said before recited Premises, shall be yearly employed and bestowed by the said Governors, and their Successors, for and towards the perpetual Sustentation and Maintainance of the Poor of the said Almshouse, and upon the Repairation of the said Almshouse, and of the said Premises; and to such other Uses and Intents, as by the Statutes and Ordinances by me the said *Thomas Seckford* made, concerning the Government and Order of the said Almshouse, is limited and set down in Writing under my Hand.

• A Copy of the PLAN of the above Estate in CLERKENWELL, of a reduced size, taken in the Year 1764, is annexed to this Publication.



NEW PRISON WALK.

WILLSBURY STREET.

GARDENS.

New Prison.

STREET.

This Estate is leased (in six Parts) for 60 Years, commencing at Michaelmas 1767.

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B	Pink	Chas. "Cochran" 70
C	Brown	Jas. & Jm. "Keele" 85
D	Blue	Willm. "Amery" 88
E	Red	Friend & S. "Mansel" 100
F	Green	Adam Wright, Wm. Wright & A.B. Wright 160
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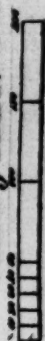
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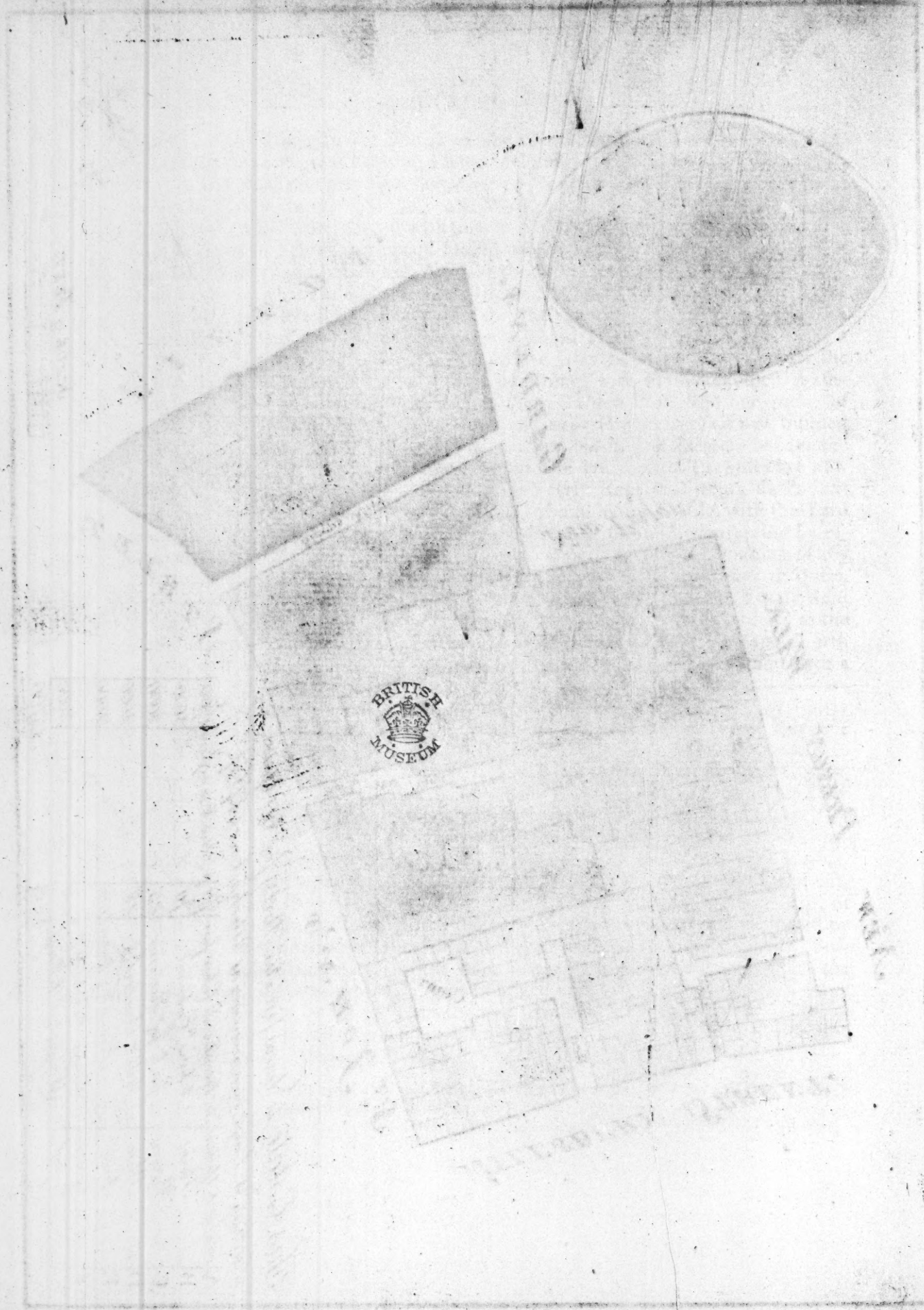
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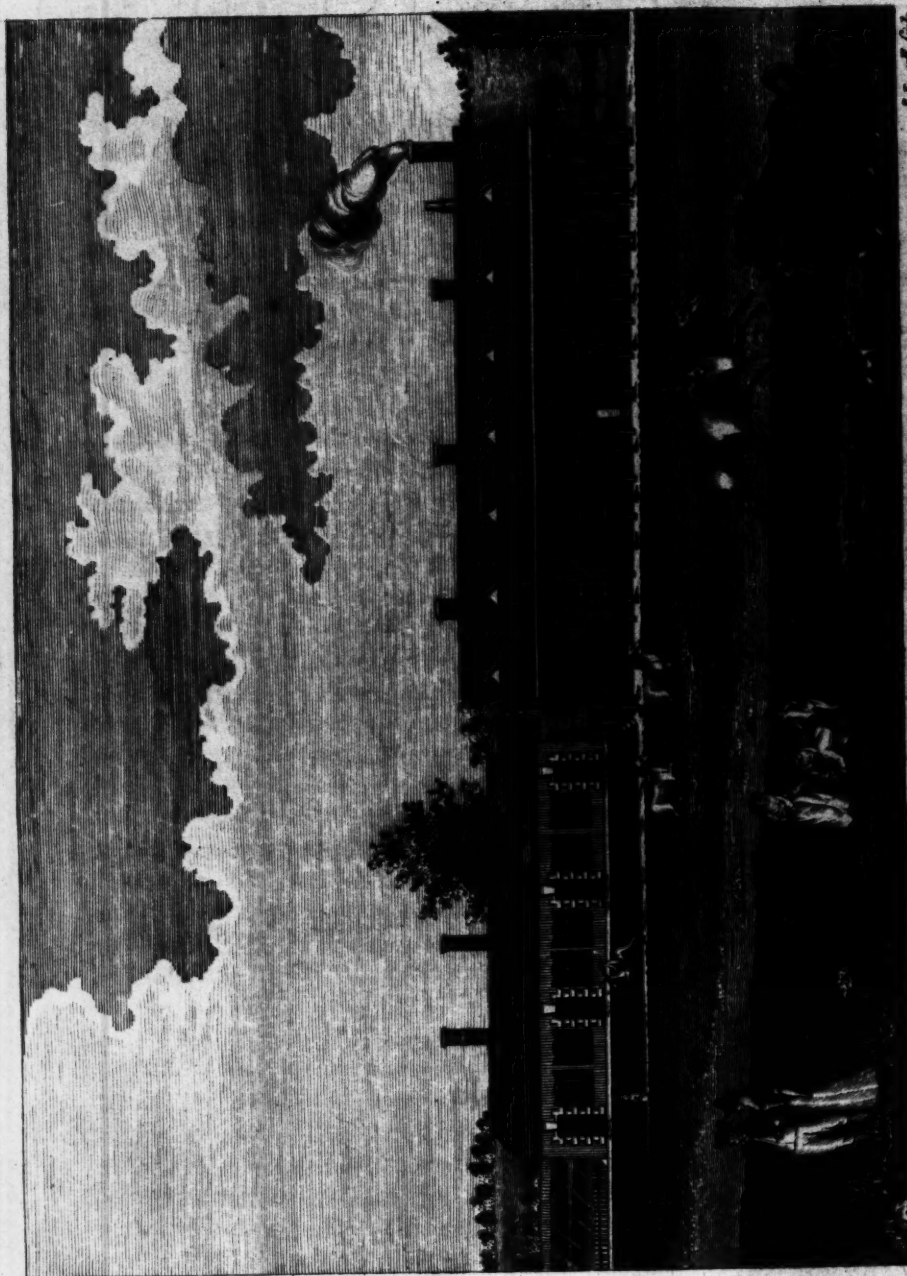


Local Guide

Woodbridge: Published by R. Loder 1798.







SECIFORD'S ALMS-HOUSES, - WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

Woodbridge, published by R. Loder, 1799.

Translation of the LETTERS PATENT granted by Queen  
ELIZABETH, to *Thomas Seckford*, Esquire, for the Founda-  
tion of his ALMS-HOUSE, in *Woodbridge*.

THE QUEEN to all to whom, &c. Greeting. KNOW YE, that We upon the humble Petition of Our well-beloved and faithful *Thomas Seckford*, Esquire, who hath faithfully served Us from the first Day of February, in the Third Year of Our Reign, for Our Counsel about Our Person and attendances about the same:—For the founding, erecting, and establishing one Hospital of the Poor, or Almshouse, in the Town of *Woodbridge*, in Our County of Suffolk, for Ever, for the Time to come, to be continued for the maintenance of the Poor and Indigent. Of Our special grace, and from Our certain knowledge, and mere motion, We will, grant, and ordain, for Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, by these Presents,—That it shall be lawful for the said *Thomas Seckford*, to erect, create, ordain, and found one Hospital or Almshouse of the seven Edifices and Buildings by the said *Thomas Seckford* lately built in *Woodbridge* aforesaid; and that the said seven Edifices and Buildings henceforth may be and shall be one House of Poor or Almshouse in *Woodbridge*, for the Relief of the Poor and Indigent, for the Time being, for Ever; and that the said Hospital or Almshouse shall be called SECKFORD'S ALMS-HOUSE; and that in the said Hospital or Almshouse there shall be constantly resident in the lifetime, or after the death of the said *Thomas Seckford*, at the Will of the said *Thomas Seckford*, ~~twelve~~ *twelve* Men, to wit, in six of the said Houses aforesaid, twelve poor or indigent Men, and in the seventh or last House towards the East, only one such poor or indigent Man, who shall be named the PRINCIPAL, of the said poor Men. And that this Our said Intention may be the more effectually received and take Effect, and that the Goods, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reversions, and other Hereditaments may be granted and assigned to the perpetual Maintenance of the Hospital of the Poor and Almshouse aforesaid, and that they may be better governed, applied, and expended for the continuance of the said Hospital of poor Men or Almshouse for Ever, We will and ordain, by these Presents, that Our and Our Heirs and Successors Chief Justice of Our and Our Heirs and Successors Court of Bench, for the Time being, and the Lord of the Manor of *Seckford-Hall*, for the Time being, if he be the heir-male of the Body of *Thomas Seckford*, Esquire, (the Father of the said now *Thomas Seckford*); and for default of such heir-male, the Master of the Rolls, of Our and Our Heirs and Successors Court of Chancery, for the Time being, may and shall be Governors of the said Hospital or Almshouse; and of all the Lands, Tenements, Possessions, and Hereditaments, Reversions, Goods and Chattels of the said Hospital of poor Men; or of the Almshouse called SECKFORD'S ALMS-HOUSE, in *Woodbridge* aforesaid; and that the said Governors in Act, Deed, and Name may and shall be a Body Corporate and Politic of themselves

themselves for Ever, by the Name of *The Governors of the House of poor Men or of the Almshouse called SECKFORD'S ALMS-HOUSE, in Woodbridge, in the County of Suffolk*,—and them the Chief Justice of Our Court of Bench,—the said Lord of the Manor of *Seckford-Hall*, if he be the heir-male of the Body of *Thomas Seckford*, Esquire, (Father of the said now *Thomas Seckford*); and for default of such heir-male, the Master of the Rolls, of Our and Our Heirs and Successors Court of Chancery, for the Time being, Governors of the Hospital of poor Men or the House of Alms called *SECKFORD'S ALMS-HOUSE*, We by these Presents, do incorporate, And by these Presents, We, for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, do create, ordain, make and constitute them a Body Corporate and Politic, by the same Name for Ever to be continued, absolutely and fully, in Act, Name, and Deed; and that the same Governors of the said Hospital of poor Men or House of Alms called *SECKFORD'S ALMS-HOUSE, in Woodbridge, in the County of Suffolk*, by the same Name may have perpetual succession, and by the same are and shall be apt and fit Persons in Law, capable to ask, have, and receive, the Goods and Chattels, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Fen, Pasture, Rents, Reversions, Remainders, and Hereditaments whatever, to them, and their Successors for Ever, to hold of Us, and Our Successors, of the said *Thomas Seckford*, and his Heirs, or of any other Person, or any other Persons whomsoever. And moreover We will, and as well for Ourselves, as for Our Heirs and Successors, by these Presents, We grant of Our special grace, and of Our certain knowledge, and mere motion, to the aforesaid Governors and their Successors, that they hereafter for Ever shall have a *Common Seal*, which may be applied to their Business in and about the Premises, or for, touching or concerning any Part thereof. And that the said Governors and their Successors, by the Names of the Governors of the Hospital of poor Men or of the Almshouse called *SECKFORD'S ALMS-HOUSE, in Woodbridge, in the County of Suffolk*, may be able to plead and be impleaded, to be sued, to defend and be defended, answer and to be answered, in all and every Courts, Causes, Plaints and Actions of whatever kind nature or species they may be, and in whatsoever Places, and in Our Court of Pleas, and all and singular other Our Courts wheresoever, before whatsoever Judges or Our Justices of England Our Heirs and Successors whomsoever, or elsewhere; and to do, act, and receive all and every other Things as fully and wholly, and in as ample manner and form as other Our liege Subjects fit and capable in Law, within our Kingdom of England do or may do, in Our Courts and Places aforesaid, before the Justices and Judges aforesaid, or of any of them, or elsewhere whatsoever. And moreover of Our further special grace, as well of Our certain knowledge, and mere motion, We have given and granted by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, to the aforesaid *Thomas Seckford*, that he during his Life, and after his decease, the Governors of the Hospital of poor Men or Almshouse in *Woodbridge* aforesaid, for the Time being, full Power and Authority from Time to Time, as often as a Vacancy shall happen, or it shall be necessary or convenient to elect, nominate and appoint the poor Men of the said Hospital of poor Men or Almshouse; and that the

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said *Thomas Seckford*, for the Time being, during his natural Life, may and shall make, and after his decease, it shall and may be lawful for the Governors of the Hospital of poor Men or Almshouse aforesaid, and every of them for the Time being, to make fit and wholesome Statutes and Ordinances in Writing, touching and concerning the Election, Order, Government, Direction and Expulsion of the poor Men of the Hospital of poor Men or Almshouse aforesaid, and of any of them for the Time being, as well concerning the Stipends and Pensions of the same poor Men, as Others of the said Hospital of poor Men or Almshouse; and concerning the good Order, Preservation, Government, Maintenance, and Disposition of the Goods, Rents, Revenues to the Support of the said Hospital of poor Men or Almshouse belonging: Touching and concerning which Statutes and Ordinances thus as aforesaid to be made, We will, and grant by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, to be observed and kept inviolable from Time to Time. And moreover of Our further special grace, and of Our certain knowledge, and mere motion, We have given and granted, and for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant by these Presents, to the aforesaid Governors of the Hospital of poor Men or Almshouse aforesaid, for the Time being, and to their Successors, full Power and Authority after the death of the said *Thomas Seckford*, to choose and appoint, according to the Statutes and Ordinances to be made as aforesaid, poor Men of the Hospital or Almshouse aforesaid, as often as the said Hospital or Almshouse shall happen to be Vacant, by Death, Expulsion, or by any other manner whatsoever; and that the said Governors, and their Successors, after the death of the said *Thomas Seckford*, from Time to Time, may be able and have power to make fit Statutes and Ordinances in Writing, touching and concerning the Order, Government, and Direction of the poor Men of the said Hospital or Almshouse aforesaid, for the Time being; and the Stipends and Pensions of the poor Men, and Others of the said Hospital or Almshouse, and the Order, Government, Direction, Preservation, and Disposition of the Goods, Rents and Revenues, for the Support of the same Hospital or Almshouse, so that the Statutes and Ordinances aforesaid be not contrary, or derogatory, or repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of the Queen of England, nor to the Statutes and Ordinances mentioned to be made by the said *Thomas Seckford*, which Statutes and Ordinances so to be made, We will, and grant by these Presents, shall be inviolably observed by the same Governors, and their Successors, for the Time being, from Time to Time, for Ever. —And moreover of Our special grace, and of Our certain knowledge, and mere motion, We have given and granted, and by these Presents for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant to the said Governors, and their Successors, for the Time being, Our especial free and lawful Licence, Faculty, Power and Authority, to ask, obtain, take and hold, for the perpetual Support and Maintenance of the Hospital or Almshouse aforesaid, as well of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as of the said *Thomas Seckford*, his Heirs, Executors, or Assigns, or of any other Person or Persons whomsoever, the Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, and other Hereditaments

reditaments whatsoever, within our Kingdom of England, that they may be held to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in Chief, or by Knights Service, or of any other Persons whomsoever, without any Writ of *ad quod damnum*, or any other Inquisition in this behalf, so that those Things which of Us be held in Chief, or Knights Service, do not exceed the clear yearly value of Five Pounds of lawful Money of England, and provided that all those Things in the whole do not exceed the clear yearly value of Two Hundred Pounds, the Statute respecting Lands and Tenements should not be put into Mortmain, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance or Provision, or any other Act, Cause or Matter to the contrary thereof had made and ordained, or provided in any manner notwithstanding. And, We will, and by these Presents, ordain and appoint, that all and singular the Issues and Profits of all the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments aforesaid, and of the Possessions in future to be given or assigned for the Support and Maintenance of the said House of Poor or Almshouse, shall be appropriated disposed of and expended towards the Support of the Poor of the said Hospital or Almshouse aforesaid, for the Time being, and for the support, upholding, and reparation of the Houses, Lands, and other the Premises, according to the Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances mentioned to be made by the said *Thomas Seckford*, in Writing aforesaid, and not otherwise, and to and for no other use or purpose. We will, finally, and by these Presents, do grant for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, to the said Governors of the said Hospital or Almshouse, that they may and shall have these Our **LETTERS PATENT** under Our Great Seal of England, made and given in manner aforesaid, without Fee or Fine great or small, to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, in Our Manaper, or elsewhere, &c.

In Testimony whereof, Witness the Queen at Westminster, the twenty-third Day of May, in the twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.

\*ORDINANCES

## \*ORDINANCES AND STATUTES,

made and devised by me THOMAS SECKFORD, Esquire, one of the Masters of the Requests, to the Queen's most excellent Majesty, for the election, admission, exercises, correction, expulsion, government and order of *thirteen poor Persons*, to be placed in my erected new *Almes-House*, in *Wood-bridge*, in the County of Suffolk, called *Seckford's Almes-House*; for the order and government of the Lands and Possessions given and appointed for the sustentation and maintenance of the same, sett down the *tenth of July, One thousand Five hundred Eighty-seven*,—AS FOLLOWETH:

1. *FIRST*,—where I have builded seven roomes of brick and stone, with two stories and a garrett in every of them, in the Town of *Wood-bridge* aforesaid, I ordain, that in every one of those six of the seven roomes that be westward, two poor persons *unmarried*, shall be placed and sett, and in the seventh roome or building, at the east-end of the said *Almes-Houses*, one poor man *unmarried*, whom I name and assign to be one *William Marshall*, now or late servant to Thomas Brooke, esquire, now or late one of the clerks of the Queen's Majesty's most honorable household, to be placed in the same, presently after my decease; which said *William Marshall*, and every other poor man to be placed in the east-end of the said *Almes-Houses*, I ordain, to be PRINCIPAL of all the other twelve poor men aforesaid.

2. *Item*,—I ordain, that every two poor men, so to be placed in the said six rooms, shall have to their only use, one garden place assigned to the said roome on the north part of the said *Almes-House*, right over against the room where the said two shall be placed; to plant, sow, or sett with hearbes, rootes, or any other fruit that shall be most comodious for them; and the Principal poor man shall have one garden place, lying directly on the north part of the said House, before appointed for him, to be used as aforesaid.

3. *Item*,—I ordain, that the peice of ground, lying on the west part of the said Houses and Gardens, containing by estimation, *two acres and three roods*, shall be occupied in common amongst the said thirteen poor men, for the sowing of beans, pease, corn and grain; or setting with roots, plants, or any other thing that may be used, for their best benefitt and comodity.

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4. *Item*,—

• "A Copy of these ORDINANCES, finely written and illuminated, in folio, were sold in the Library of Serjeant HAYWARD, 1763." Gough's Brit. Topog. (Suff.) Quære. If not the same late in possession of RICHARD MOORE, of Long-Melford, Esq. deceased?

4. *Item*,—I ordain, that the Well or Fountain within my new inclosed parke at *Woodbridge* aforesaid, made right over against the said *Alms-House*, shall be likewise used in comon, by the said thirteen poor *Almesmen*, with such and so much ground as shall be appointed and laid out to the same, by me the said *Thomas Seckford*, for the washing of their cloaths, or any other needful use.

5. *Item*,—I ordain, that after the decease of me the said *Thomas Seckford*, the Lord of the Mannor of *Seckford-Hall*, in the County of *Suffolk*, which is little above half a mile distance from the said *Almes-House*, if he be an heir-male, together with the *Curate* or *Minister* of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, taking the advice and information of the *Churchwardens* of the same Town, (for the time being) if they shall think so good; shall have power to \*elect, nominate, choose and allow, of person and persons, that have dwelled and lived honestly in the said Town of *Woodbridge*, by the space of three years next before the said election, as upon the death, displacing, or other want of any of the said number of poor of the said number of thirteen poor persons, or any of them, shall fill up the said number of thirteen poor people within the said *Almes-House*; and that such election, nomination, choice, and allowance, so by them in form aforesaid to be made, shall be holden good, firme, and stable, without any alteration or changing thereof, unless for some of the causes hereafter expressed.

6. *Item*,—I ordain, that in case the Lord of the Mannor of *Seckford-Hall*, (for the time being) being heir-male, shall happen to be within the age of one and twenty years, or being above the age of one and twenty years, shall neglect and forbear to joyn with the said *Minister* or *Curate*, to make election, by the space of two months, after request to him made, by the said *Churchwardens* of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, or one of them, or shall refuse to elect at all; then such election and choice of so many persons to fill up the said number of thirteen poor people, as shall be wanting, shall be made by the *Minister* or *Curate* of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, and the *Churchwardens* of the same; (for the time being) or by three, or two of them, whereof the said *Minister* or *Curate* to be one, who, shall, in incontinent, or in convenient time, after the said election, certifie the Lord Chief Justice of her Maj<sup>ties</sup> Comon Pleas, being one of the Govern<sup>ors</sup> of the said House, to the end, that he may give order for the admission of him or them so elected, which election and choice, I will, shall remain, and be firm and stable, without alteration and change, unless there shall appear good and sufficient cause to the contrary.

\* It has usually been the Custom in filling up the Vacancies that happen by Death, or Removal, (the latter of which very rarely occur) of giving a decided preference to the Natives of the Town of *WOODBRIDGE*, or to Persons of long residence there, who have gained a legal settlement, and who undoubtedly have the best title to be preferred, when fallen into decay, old age, or infirmities, having themselves contributed no inconsiderable share, towards the relief and maintenance of the Parochial Poor.

7. *Item*,—I ordain, that none of the elected Almesmen shall keep any woman in his, or their said roomes, or lodgings, other than such two or more of the three poor women as are, or shall be placed in other Houses, near the said Almes-Houses, of purpose to help and cherish them, in case of necessity, as of sickness, or other infirmity.

8. *Item*,—I ordain, that if any poor man, after the placing of him in the said Almes-House, shall be known to have a wife; then every such poor man so elected, shall be removed and expelled, and another chosen in his or their place.

9. *Item*,—I ordain, that if any poor man so placed, shall happen to have any lands or hereditaments descended, conveyed, or given to him, to the yearly value of *five pounds*; that then, within one month, after notice given to any of the said Governors; hee to be amoved, and one other chosen and placed in his room.

10. *Item*,—I ordain, that twelve of the thirteen poor men of the said Almes-House, shall have every one of them *five and twenty shillings* paid at the said Almes-House, upon every of the feast days of the birth of our Lord, the Annuntaton of the blessed Virgin St. Mary, the nativity of St. John Baptist, and St. Michael the Archangell; so that the said pension being four times paid, shall amount to the sume of *five pounds* in the whole year, to each of the twelve, and to *threescore pounds* yearly, for all the said number of twelve, to be paid yearly by the Paymaster of the said Almes-House, hereafter named and appointed.

11. *Item*,—I ordain, that there shall be delivered unto every of the said twelve poor men at the said Almes-House, at or before the feast of the nativity of St. John Baptist yearly, *three loads of wood*, or else to have paid unto every one of them *fifteen shillings*, to buy the same, amounting in the whole for the said twelve, to *nine pounds* yearly, to be paid or delivered yearly, by the Paymaster of the said Almes-House as aforesaid.

12. *Item*,—I ordain, that every of the said twelve poor men shall have a gowne of two yards and a half of broad cloth, of the price of six shillings the yard, delivered unto them at the said Almes-House, every year and yearly, between the feast of St. Michael the Archangell, and the feast of All Saints, then next followings, by the Paymaster of the said Almes-House as aforesaid.

13. *Item*,—I ordain, that the Principal of the poor of the said Almes-House, shall have *three and thirty shillings and four-pence*, paid at the said Almes-House, upon every of the said feast dayes of the nativity of our Lord, the Annuntiation

nunciation of blessed lady Mary the virgin, the nativity of St. John Baptist, and St. Michael the Archangell, so that his pension yearly paid shall amount to *six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence* yearly; and shall also have delivered unto him at the said Almes-House yearly, at or before the feast of the nativity of St. John Baptist, *four loads of wood*, or *twenty shillings* for to buy the same; and every year and yearly between the feast of St. Michael the Archangell, and All Saints, a gown of two yards and a half of broad cloth, of *six shillings* the yard, to be paid and delivered by the said Paymaster, of the said Almes-House as afore said.

14. *Item*,—whereas I have appointed to every one of the said thirteen poor men, a \*Badge or Cognizance of silver, containing in an eschucheon the single Coat of our Name and Family, with a Sentence written about the same, I ordain, that the person or persons that shall receive the same, shall, before the receipt thereof, procure some sufficient person to undertake for him or them, to leave and deliver the same to the Principal of the said poor, upon his, or their death, expulsion, or putting out of the said House, or the value thereof, which I rate for weight and fashion, at *five shillings*, for the use of that poor man which shall be elected in his place.

15. *Item*,—I ordain, that every of the said thirteen poor men shall use and wear the said Badge or Cognizance upon the left side of the breast of their gowns, every time of their going forth abroad out of the said Almes-House, to the Church, or into, or out of the Town of *Woodbridge*, and that so apparently, as they may be discerned thereby.

16. *Item*,—I ordain, that none of the poor people of the said Almes-House, shall lye out of the said Almes-House, without the especial lycense of the Lord of the Mannor of *Seckford-Hall*, (for the time being) if he be above the age of one and twenty years, and an heir-male, and being under that age, without the special lycense of the Minister or Curate of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) and the Principal of the poor of the said Almes-House, upon pain to forfeit, for every such offence, *four-pence*, to be deducted out of his pension, by the Paymaster, at the next pension day.

17. *Item*,—I ordain, that so many of the said poor people of this Almes-House, as be able, shall, every Sunday and Holy-Day, and every Wednesday and Fryday in the Year, go to their Parish Church of *Woodbridge* afore said, and there remaine; and reverently hear Divine Service and Sermons, upon paine to forfeit for every default, *two-pence*, to be deducted as afore said.

18. *Item*,

\* Engraved in a small size, beneath the Portrait of Mr. SECKFORD, annexed to this publication.  
—Arms of SECKFORD,—Erm. on a fess. gu. 3 escallops. Arg. The Legend,—“ORATIONES.  
ET. ELEEMOS. ASCENDUNT. IN. MEMORIAM. CORAM. DEO.”

18. *Item*,—I ordain, that the poor of the said Almes-House, shall, in avoiding of idleness, each of them according to their ability and strength of body, labour and be occupied, either in digging, planting, or setting the gardens and grounds allotted unto them, and assigned as aforesaid, or else to be occupied in some other commendable exercise.

19. *Item*,—that if any of the poor of the said Almes-House shall be found unlawfully breaking of hedges, or unlawfully cutting, or carrying away any wood, quicksett or spring; the same shall forfeit, for the first offence, *four-pence*; and for the second, *eight-pence*, to be deducted as aforesaid; and for the third, to be expelled for ever.

20. *Item*,—that if any of the poor of this Almes-House, shall at any time after the first three months next after their admission into the said House, swear any manner of unlawfull or blasphemous oath, the same shall forfeit for every such offence, *two-pence*, to be deducted as aforesaid.

21. *Item*,—that none of the poor of this Almes-House, shall give any railing termes, or uncharitable speeches to any other of the poor of the said Almes-House, under paine of *six-pence*, for every such offence, to be deducted as aforesaid. And that none of the poor of this Almes-House shall give any blow, or stripe, to any other of the poor of the said Almes-House, upon pain to forfeit for the first offence, *two shillings six-pence*; for the second, *five shillings*, to be deducted as aforesaid; and for the third, to be expelled for ever.

22. *Item*,—that if any of the poor of the said House shall comitt any fornication, adultery, incest, or any other such horrible crime, hee or they to be expelled out of this House for ever.

23. *Item*,—I ordain, that the glass windows of the lodgings of this Almes-House shall be repaired from time to time, at the charge of such as shall be therein, the same charge to be deducted by the Paymaster aforesaid, at the next pension day.

24. *Item*,—that none of the poor of this Almes-House, shall, under pain of expulsion, take upon them without special Licence of the Governors of the said Almes-House, or one of them, first therein had and obtained in writing, to break any part of the brick-work, or tyle-work, or cutt any of the timber-work in the rooffe, floores, or partitions of this Almes-House, under colour to amend their Lodgings, or for any other cause or pretence whatsoever.

25. *Item*,—that noe Tippling, or uttering of any beer, ale, or victualls, shall be kept in this Almes-House, under pain of expulsion of such person as shall keep it.

26. *Item*,—I ordain, that none of the poor of this Almes-House shall haunt any Tavern, Ale-house, or Tippling-house; nor shall play at dice, cards, or other unlawfull Games, upon pain to forfeit, for the first offence, *twelve pence*; for the second, *two shillings*; and for the third, to be expelled for ever.

27. *Item*,—that none of the said Almesmen shall wander, or go abroad to demand, or to ask any Almes or Charity, of any person or persons either within, or without the said Town of *Woodbridge*, upon payn to forfeit, for the first offence, *six-pence*; for the second, *twelve pence*; and for the third, *two shillings*; and for every offence after, *three shillings and four-pence*, to be deducted as aforesaid.

28. *Item*,—I ordain, that the Paymaster of this Almes-House shall have power at every pension day, to judge of all forfeitures of money aforesaid, and shall of every such offence as is at length punishable with expulsion by these Ordinances, *give open admonition to the parties offending*; and therefore make entry in his pension-book upon the head of the said party, to the end, that upon the third offence, the same party may be accordingly expelled out of the said Almes-House; and all offences punishable with expulsion by these Lawes and Ordinances, shall be heard and determined by the said Paymaster, and by the Curate or Minister of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, and by none other, Unless it shall like the Lord Chiefe Justice of her Majties Court of Comon Pleas (for the time being) being one of the Governors of the said Almes-House, to be a dealer therein.

29. *Item*,—that the Paymaster, and the Curate of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, or one of them, shall, twice yearly, for ever, that is to say, upon the pension dayes at Christmas and Midsummer, openly read and publish these Laws and Ordinances to the Poor of the said Almes-House, in the Church of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, presently after Evening Prayer, to the intent, that Ignorance shall not excuse, nor want of Notice lead awry such as be willing to live in Order.

30. And, to the intent, that such of the said thirteen poor Almes-Men, as shall happen to be weak, sick, or impotent, may have good attendance, and paines taken about them, from time to time, for their reliefe, sustentation, and comfort, during their sickness, weakness, and impotency, or infirmity, without diminution, or spending of the Yearly Pension assigned to them, I Ordain, that *three poor Widdows*, of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, to be named by me in my life time, and after my decease, by the Governors of the said Almes-House, or one of them, shall, from time to time, so often as need shall require, take paines, and be diligent and attendant, to comfort, help, succour, tend, and look unto such of the poor men as shall happen to be weak, sick, or otherwise infirmed in body; and shall have yearly paid unto them *thirteen shillings four-pence*.

*pence*, at every of the said feasts of the Nativity of our Lord, the Annuntiation of our Lady, the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and St. Michael the Archangell, for their paines and attendance, so to be taken as aforesaid, by the Paymaster of the said Almes-House, so that the same pension being four times paid, shall amount to the sume of *three and fifty shillings four pence* in the whole year, to each of the said three women, and to *eight pounds* yearly for all the said number of women.

31. *Item*,—I ordain, that after the decease of me the said *Thomas Seckford*, such of the said three poor widows before mentioned, as shall be wanting at any time or times hereafter, to make up the said number, shall be elected and chosen by such persons, and in such manner and form as I have before ordained and sett down, for the election of the said thirteen poor Almsmen.

32. And, whereas my Brother *Humphry Seckford*, holdeth of me by Copy of Court Roll, as of my Mannor of *Woodbridge late Priory*, a Tenement called *Coptball*, and a Peice of Land to the same belonging, with the Appurtenances in *Woodbridge* aforesaid, adjoyning to the ground of the said Almes-House, on the west part, containing by estimation, *two acres more or less*, which he hath agreed to surrender into my hands, at the next Court to be holden at and for the said Mannor,—I ordain, that the three poor widows to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be placed and sett in the said Tenement, to the intent they may be ready the sooner and more speedily to attend, help, succour, receive, and comfort such of the said thirteen poor men, as shall happen to be weak, sick, impotent, or have any infirmity of body as aforesaid.

33. And, for the better Order and Government of the Lands, Possessions, and Revenues of this Almes-House, and for the continual reparation and maintenance, as well of the said Almes-House, as also of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, and Tenements, limitted and appointed for the maintenance of the thirteen said poor men,—I ordain, that the Lord of the Mannor of *Seckford Hall*, in the County of Suffolk, (for the time being) if he be an heir male, and of the age of one and twenty yeares, and being under that age, the Churchwardens of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, (for the time being) shall receive all the Rents and Revenues of the Lands of the said Almes-House, and the same shall bestowe and keep, untill such time as hee or they shall have cause to disburse and pay the same upon reparations, pensions, fees, and other affaires of the said Almes-House, and shall at the end of every Year give an Account of his, or their receipts, and expences in that behalfe, to the Lord Cheife Justice of the Comon Pleas, being One of the Governors of the said Almes-House, if he shall require the same, or to such person or persons as he shall appoint.

34. *Item*,—I ordain, that the Lord of the Mannor of *Seckford Hall*, (for the

the time being) if he be an heir male, of the age of one and twenty yeares, and being under that age, the Churchwardens of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, (for the time being) shall be Paymaster of the said Almes-House, and shall pay and deliver to each of the said thirteen poor men their severall pensions, wood, and gownes before mentioned, at such dayes and times, and in such manner and forme as I have before limmited and appointed; and shall also pay unto the said three poor widdows and to every of them, the severall sumes of money before mentioned, at such dayes and times, and in such order and manner and forme as is likewise before specified and declared.

35. And whereas the Yearly Revenues of the said Almes-House do amount to the Sum of *\*one hundred and twelve pounds thirteen shillings four-pence*, as by severall Demises by Indenture made and to be made of the same, shall and may appear, out of which the sum of *four-score and fourteen pounds eight shillings four-pence* is yearly to be deducted, for the pensions, and wood, and gownes of the said poor Almsmen, and for the pensions of the said poor Widdows. And so the Yearly Sum of *eighteen pounds five shillings* left and remaining, I ordain, that out of the said sum of *eighteen pounds five shillings*, these sumes following shall Yearly be given, paid, laid out and allowed, That is to say,—first,—to the Lord Cheife Justice of the Comon Pleas, being for the time, one of the Governors of the said Almes-House, one pair of gloves of the price of *three shillings four-pence*, to be presented unto him by such Person or Persons as the Paymaster shall appoint, upon the feast day of All Saints yearly, at his chambers in *Sergeants Inn*.—*Item*, to and amongst the Poor of the Parish of Saint James, at *Clerkenwell* yearly, at Christmas, *forty shillings*, to be paid by the Paymaster of the Almes-House.—*Item*, to the Paymaster of the said Almes-House, for his Fee yearly, *forty shillings*.—*Item*, to the Minister or Curate of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, (for the time being) the sum of *twenty shillings* yearly, *so long as he shall once in every week at the least, take any paines to visit and instruct the Poor Almes-House, in the needfull points of true Religion*.

36. *Item*,—I ordain, that after the severall Sumes of Money before mentioned, amounting to *five pounds three shillings four-pence* thus discharged, the remainder of the said sum of *eighteen pounds five shillings*,—that is to say,—*thirteen pounds one shilling eight-pence* shall remain in the hands of the said Paymaster, to the intent as followeth,—that is to say,—that therewith the Buildings of the said Almes-House, itself, and all other Houses and Buildings given and appointed to and for the maintenance of the said thirteen poor Almes-Men,

\* In the Year 1587, the Revenues belonging to this House, were £112. 13. 4.  
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 ————— 1787, at granting the last Leases, by the Governors, 563. 10. 0.

Since which last mentioned Period, £20,000. or upwards, have been expended in Building, upon the CLERKENWELL Estate, for the Improvement and further Benefit of this Charitable Institution.

Men, and of the said three poor Widdows, may be from time to time well and competently repaired in all needfull reparations, by the discretion of the Governours aforesaid, or any of them; and also such other poor and indigent people of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, as dwell out of the said Almes-House, may be releived; and if any shall remain, then the most needy amongst the Poor themselves, to be likewise relieved over and besides their said pension.

37. *Item*,—I ordain, that all such sum and sums of money, that shall grow by reason of the severall forfeitures before mentioned, or by reason of the vacation of the poor, that is to say, between the death or expulsion of the one, or placing of another, shall be spent and employed, as in the Order next precedent is sett down, and no otherwise.

38. *Item*,—I ordain, that the Governours of the said Almes-House, or one of them, shall, once in three yeares, at the least, resort in Person to the said Almes-House, to view and consider, as well upon the state of the poor, as of the necessity of the said Almes-House, and other buildings in *Woodbridge* aforesaid; and also, of those Houses and Buildings scituate in the Parish of *Clarkenwell*, in the County of Middlesex, assigned to the maintenance of the said thirteen poor men.

39. *Item*,—I ordain, that my License obtained from the Queen's Majesty, for the erection and foundation of the said Almes-House, and all other Evidences and Writings touching and concerning the Lands and Tenements lying in the Parish of *Clarkenwell*, in the County of Middlesex; and other Lands given and assigned to the Governours of the said Almes-House, for the maintenance and releife of the said thirteen poor men, and other charges concerning the same, shall remaine, and be kept in the chest, with two locks and keyes provided for that purpose, to be placed and sett in the Chappel adjoyning to the Parish Church of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, by me lately erected and builded.

40. *Finally*,—I ordain, that the Lands and Possessions of this Almes-House shall not be letten out, or demised for Yeares in Reversion, but to the Fermer or Occupier of the same; and otherwise, may and shall be letten out from Time to Time to the same, or to some other honest and sufficient Persons for Yeares, that will inhabitt thereupon, and that to the best Improvement in Yearly Rent that with good Conscience may be.

*End of the Ordinances and Statutes made and devised by the FOUNDER.*

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## ORDINANCES AND STATUTES,

made and devised by Us, Sir JOHN FINCH, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, and HENRY SECKFORD, of *Seckford-Hall*, in *Great-Bolings*, in the County of Suffolk, Esquire, Lord of the Manor of *Seckford-Hall*, and Heir Male of the Body of THOMAS SECKFORD, Esquire, deceased, late Father of THOMAS SECKFORD, Esquire, likewise deceased, some Time one of the late Masters of Requests to the late Queen of famous Memory, Queen *Elizabeth*, Governors of the Hospital of the Poor, or Almshouse, called, SECKFORD'S ALMSHOUSE, in *Woodbridge*, in the County of Suffolk;—as well for the election, admission, Government and Order of the *thirteen poor Men*, placed, and hereafter to be placed, and resident in the said Almshouse; as also for the Order and Government of the Lands, Revenues, and Possessions, and of the Rents thereof, given, limited, and appointed, for the sustentation and maintenance of the same, set down under our hands, this Fourth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Six hundred and Thirty-five, and made in pursuance of the Power and Authority granted unto Us in that behalf, as Governors of the said Almshouse, in and by Letters Patents heretofore made and granted unto the said *Thomas Seckford*, the said late Master of Requests, being the Founder of the said Almshouse, by the said late Queen, bearing date the three and twentieth Day of May, in the nine and twentieth Year of her said late Reign; and also made and set down for the election, and admission, of *three poor Widows*, placed, and to be placed in the Tenement called *Coptball*, adjoining to the said Almshouse; the same to be duly observed, if the said HENRY SECKFORD shall hereafter happen to die without an Heir Male of his Body lawfully begotten.

1. **FIRST**,—We do ordain, that if the said *Henry Seckford*, One of the now Governors of the said Almshouse, shall hereafter happen to die without an Heir Male of his body lawfully begotten, That then, and at all Times after his decease, the Curate or Minister of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, together with the Churchwardens of the said Town, (for the time being) or any two of them, whereof the said Minister or Curate to be one, shall have full power to elect, nominate, choose, put in, and allow of such person or persons, as have dwelled and lived honestly in the said Town of *Woodbridge* by the space of three years next before the said election, as upon the death, displacing, or other want of the said number of poor of the said number of thirteen poor persons, or any of them, shall fill up the said number of thirteen poor people within the said Almshouse; and that such election, nomination, choice, or allowance by them in form aforesaid to be made, shall be holden good, firm, and stable, without any alteration or change thereof.

2. **Item**,—



2. *Item*,—We do ordain, that after the decease of the said *Henry Seckford*, without an Heir Male of his body as aforesaid, that then the Churchwardens of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) shall at all Times hereafter receive the Yearly Revenues and Rents of the Lands, Tenements, and Possessions of the said Almshouse, given, granted, limited or appointed, for the sustenance and maintenance of the same, or which are reserved, or shall hereafter be reserved, upon any lease or leases made, or to be made, of the said Almshouse Lands, or Possessions, and the same shall bestow and keep, untill such time as they shall have cause to disburse or pay the same, upon reparations, pensions, fees, and other affairs of the said Almshouse.

3. *Item*,—We do ordain, that after the decease of the said *Henry Seckford*, without an Heir Male of his body as aforesaid, That then the Churchwardens of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) shall be the Paymasters of the said Almshouse, and shall pay and deliver to each of the said thirteen poor men their several pensions, wood, and gowns; and likewise to the three poor widows, and to every of them, to be resident in the aforesaid Tenement called *Coptball*, next adjoining to the said Almshouse, their several sums of money, at such days and times, and in such order, manner and form, as the same are and be limited, and appointed to be paid and delivered unto them, and to every of them, in and by the Ordinances and Statutes which the aforesaid *Thomas Seckford* the Founder of the said Almshouse made and sett down the tenth Day of July, which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand Five hundred Eighty-seven, for the election, admission, Government and Order of the said thirteen poor men, to be placed in the said Almshouse; and for the Order and Government of the said Lands and Possessions given and appointed for the sustentation of the same, and which were lately decreed in the High Court of Chancery, to be the Ordinances which the said *Thomas Seckford* the Founder so made as aforesaid, being in number, Forty, which do now hang up in a large Frame or Table, in the Parish Church of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, over the Place where the said Almsmen do now usually sit.

4. *Item*,—We do ordain, that if after the decease of the said *Henry Seckford*, without an Heir Male of his body as aforesaid, there shall happen to be a Place or more void, or any wanting of the said number of thirteen poor men, within the said Almshouse, by means of death, displacing, or otherwise, as aforesaid; and that there shall not nor may not then be found in the said Town of *Woodbridge* any poor man which have lived, or dwelt so long time in the said Town of *Woodbridge*, as by the space of three Years next before the said election, to be had and made as aforesaid, That then, in such case, the said Curate or Minister of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, and the Churchwardens of the said Town, (for the time being) or any two of them, whereof the said Curate or Minister to be one, shall have full power to elect, nominate, choose, put in, and allow of any other person or persons, which they shall think most fit, and to have most need,  
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and which they shall think in that case it did and doth best stand with the true intention of the Ordinances of the said *Thomas Seckford* the Founder, to fill up the said number of thirteen poor people, within the said Almshouse, and that such election, nomination, choice, and allowance, so by them as aforesaid, so to be made, shall be held firm, good, and stable, without any alteration, or changing thereof.

5. *Item*,—We do ordain, that after the decease of the said *Henry Seckford*, without an Heir Male of his body as aforesaid, that such of the three poor widows as are appointed in and by the said Ordinances, of the said *Thomas Seckford*, to be placed in the said Tenement, called *Coptball*, next adjoining to the said Almshouse as aforesaid, as shall be wanting at any time or times thereafter to make up the said number, shall be elected and chosen by such person and persons, and in such manner and form as We have before ordained and set down, for the election of the said thirteen poor almsmen.

6. *Item*,—We do ordain, that all and every such poor man and men, as shall be hereafter nominated, chosen, elected or allowed of, by the Curate or Minister of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, and the Churchwardens of the said Town, (for the time being) or by any two of them, in manner and form aforesaid, shall at all times observe and perform all such Laws and Orders, and pay all such penalties and forfeitures, and shall be liable and subject to the performance of all and every such Orders and Laws, and to the payment and penalty of all and every such forfeitures in every respect and regard, as be expressed, imposed, and set down in the said Ordinances, of the said *Thomas Seckford*, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

7. *Item*,—We do ordain, that after the decease of the said *Henry Seckford*, without an Heir Male of his body as aforesaid, that then the Churchwardens of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, (for the time being) then to be the Paymasters of the said Almshouse as aforesaid, shall pay and deliver yearly and every year, all such other sum and sums of money, to such person and persons, and in such manner and form, as in and by the said Ordinances and Statutes of the said *Thomas Seckford*, is, and are limited and appointed; and shall likewise perform all and singular the same things and duties which are enjoined or required at the hands of the Paymasters of the said Almshouse, and which are expressed in and by the said Ordinances, save only, whereas there is appointed *forty shillings* by the said Ordinances, to be yearly paid to the Paymasters of the said Almshouse for his pains,—We do ordain, That the said *forty shillings* shall be always thereafter employed by the said Churchwardens in such manner and form, as the surpluse of the Rents and Revenues of the said Almshouse is hereafter appointed to be employed and converted, for that the things and duties hereby required at the said Churchwardens hands, if they shall hereafter expect

expect to be the Paymasters of the said Almshouse, are not much different and disagreeing to the duty of their Place as Churchwardens to perform.

8. *Item*,—We do ordain, that after the said several pensions, sum and sums of money before mentioned, or intended to be paid, be truly paid and satisfied, in such manner and form as before said, and in such manner and form as is expressed or intended, in and by the said Ordinances of the said *Thomas Seckford*, that whatsoever surplusage shall be of the Rents and Revenues of the said Almshouse, or which shall be then remaining in the hands of the said Churchwardens, Paymasters as aforesaid, shall be by them laid out every year, to and for such uses as are and be expressed in the said Ordinances of the said *Thomas Seckford* the Founder,—that is to say,—to and for the continual necessary and convenient reparation of the said Almshouse, and of the said several Buildings thereof, and of the Tenement called *Copthall*, next adjoining to the said Almshouse, appointed by the Ordinances of the said *Thomas Seckford*, for the habitation of the said three poor widows, and to and for the relief and maintenance of such of the said thirteen poor men, over and besides his or their said pensions, as shall thereafter happen to be sick, and stand in need of more help or allowance than his or their aforesaid ordinary pension; and also, to and for the relief of such other of the most poor and indigent people of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, as live out of the said Almshouse, and to and for no other uses, intents or purposes.

9. *Item*,—We do ordain, that all such sum and sums of money that shall grow due after the decease of the said *Henry Seckford*, without an Heir Male of of his body as aforesaid; or by reason of the vacation of the poor,—that is to say,—between the death, and expulsion of the one, or placing the other, shall be spent and employed, as in the other next precedent.

10. *Item*,—We do ordain, that after the decease of the said *Henry Seckford*, without an Heir Male of his body as aforesaid, then the Churchwardens of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) shall have the like and same power and priviledges in all and every respect whatsoever, as is limited, appointed, ordained, or given unto the Paymaster of the said Almshouse, in and by the Ordinances and Statutes of the said *Thomas Seckford*, the said late Master of Requests.

11. *Item*,—We do ordain, that after the decease of the said *Henry Seckford*, without an Heir Male of his body as aforesaid, that the Churchwardens of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) then to be Paymasters of the said Almshouse as aforesaid, shall, at the end of every year, give and make an account of all and singular their payments, receipts, and disbursements as aforesaid, unto the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, (for the time being) being one of the Governors of the said Almshouse as aforesaid, if he shall require

quire the same, and, in default of such request, then to the other Inhabitants of the said Town of *Woodbridge*.

*End of the Ordinances and Statutes made and devised by Sir John Fyve, Knight, and Henry Seckford, Esquire.*

## ORDERS AND ORDINANCES,

made and devised by Us, Sir JOSEPH JEXILE, Knight, Master of the Rolls, and Sir PETER KING, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, Governors of the Hospital of the Poor, or Almshouse, called *Seckford's Almshouse*, in *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Suffolk*, (the Heir Male of the Body of *THOMAS SECKFORD*, the Founder of the said Almshouse being long since extinct)—as well for the election, admission, Government and Order of the *thirteen poor Men*, placed, and hereafter to be placed and resident in the said Almshouse; and for the election and admission of *three poor Widows*, placed, and to be placed in the Tenement, called, *Copthall*, adjoining to the said Almshouse; as also, for the Order and Government of the Lands, Revenues, and Possessions, and of the Rents thereof, given, limited and appointed, for the sustentation and maintenance of the same, set down under our hands, this 22nd day of January, 1718, and made in pursuance of the Power and Authority granted unto Us in that behalf, as Governors of the said Almshouse, in and by Letters Patents heretofore made and granted unto the said *Thomas Seckford*, the Founder of the said Almshouse, by Queen *Elizabeth*, bearing date the 23d day of May, in the 29th Year of her Reign.

[WHEREAS several of the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, did on the second day of January aforesaid, petition Us, setting forth several Complaints against *Elias Larke*, as one of the Churchwardens of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, for the misapplication of the Revenues of the said Almshouse, and for the undue execution of his Office in the Parish, for the Years 1715, 1716, 1717.—And also complaining against *Edmund Broome*, the Minister of the said Town, and *Robert Battie* of the said Town, as being in Concert and Confederacy with the said *Larke*, and that they had proceeded to *Excommunication* against two of the Inhabitants therein named, for nonpayment of a Rate of *four pence* per pound, charged by the said Petition to be unjustly made, and praying that the said *Larke*, *Broome*, and *Battie* might attend Us therein, and that all Proceedings on the said *Excommunication* might in the mean Time be stayed:—

AND WHEREAS *John Blensfield*, Principal of the said Almshouse, on behalf of himself,

himself, and other 12 poor Almsmen residing therein, and of the three poor Nurses belonging thereto, and *Thomas Redgrave*, late Churchwarden of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, did on the said second Day of January aforesaid, prefer their Petition to Us, setting forth, (amongst other things) That as all provisions and necessities for life are become much dearer now, than they were at the Time the said Almshouse was founded, and Ordinances made, so on the other hand, the Estate in *Clerkenwell*, out of which the Revenue of the said Almshouse chiefly ariseth, hath been greatly improved by Building, inasmuch that the overplus of such Revenues, which at first was but £13. 1. 8. is now advanced to about £80. 4. 4. per Ann. which is much more than is necessary for Repairs of the Premises, and therefore the said poor Almsmen and Nurses hoped their Pensions would have been proportionably increased, and the rather, for that the said poor Almsmen are some blind, some lame, and others so aged and infirm, that they cannot work, and their present Pensions, after allowing for making gowns, repairing glass windows, and other outgoings, amount to little more than three-pence per day, to find them in meat, drink, washing, shoes, stockings, and other necessities, so that some of them are near starved, and forced to go without shirts, and have scarce shoes to their feet, and being prohibited from begging, or asking any alms, as also if they die near and before any Quarter Day, on which their Pensions are payable, that whole Quarter's Pension sinks into the said overplus Money, so that they can have no credit in respect thereof, by which means their Conditions are become much worse than those who receive the Alms of the Parish,—and further, that by Virtue of the said Ordinances, which allows the Application of some of the said overplus Money, towards Relief of the most needy of the said poor Almsmen, the said Petitioner *Redgrave*, whilst he acted as Churchwarden, did supply them with such necessities as they most extremely wanted, and by such supplies and payments of Pensions to the said poor Almsmen, and Nurses, the said *Redgrave* had been out above £89. more than he had yet received, expecting he should have been reimbursed, by receiving the Rents at *Clerkenwell*, now in Arrear, in the Tenants hands, being three Quarters of a Year, which at £45. per Quarter comes to £135. but that the Tenants refused to pay him, alledging, that Mr. *Burward*, a Cornfactor, had forewarned them, so that the poor Almsmen must have starved, had not the said *Redgrave* relieved them out of his own pocket,—and that there are great disputes and differences in the said Town of *Woodbridge*, in relation to the disposition of the overplus of the said Almshouse Revenue, some of the Inhabitants insisting to have a proportion thereof applied towards repairing the Church, and Town-Houses, to prevent a Churchwardens Rate for that purpose; and Others would have the whole paid into the hands of the Overseers of the Parish Poor, in case of the Inhabitants:—and, therefore the said Almsmen prayed, that some further Ordinances might be made touching the Matters aforesaid,—and the said *Redgrave* prayed, that he might be reimbursed the Money he had been so out of pocket as aforesaid, out of the Arrears of Rent due from the said Tenants in *Clerkenwell*, or otherwise, as We should

should think fit:—Upon both which said Petitions, We did Order all Persons concerned to attend Us on this day;—and they now attending accordingly,—and both the said Petitions being read, and the said Letters Patents granted by the late Queen *Elizabeth*, and the Ordinances made by the said *Thomas Seckford* the Founder, dated the tenth day of July, 1587, and the Ordinances made by Sir *John Fynch*, Knight, then Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and *Henry Seckford*, Esq. Lord of the Manor of *Seckford-Hall*, then Governors of the said Hospital, dated the fourth of October, 1635, being also read, and several Affidavits being likewise read, in Order to make out the Complaints set forth in the Petition of the said Inhabitants,—and both sides being fully heard before Us, upon the several Matters aforesaid:—Upon Consideration of the whole Matter,—We are of Opinion, and do declare,—that no Matters are cognizable by Us as Governors of the said Almshouse, but only such as relate to the said Charity;—and therefore, as to the several Complaints now before Us, which concern and relate only to the Affairs of the said Parish of *Woodbridge*,—We do not think fit to intermeddle therewith, or make any Order touching the same:—

And, the Books of Account kept by the said Town of *Woodbridge*, being now produced, and upon perusal thereof, it appearing, that the Accounts touching the Receipts and Disbursements of the Revenues of the said Charity, for some Time past, are intermixed with the Accounts of the Rates, and other Matters relating to the said Parish, and that they had been passed and allowed together, to Easter 1718, by the Inhabitants of the said Parish, at several Meetings in Vestry,—We do not think fit to unravel those Accounts so stated,—but do confirm the same:—

And, do Order, that *Augustine Stapley*, and *Thomas Taylor*, the present Churchwardens of the said Town, who are Paymasters of the said Hospital, do make up an Account of their Receipts and Disbursements of the Revenues of the said Almshouse, which have not already been stated and allowed by the said Parish as aforesaid, and do bring the same to the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, at Easter next, in Order to be perused and settled by him; and the said Mr. *Redgrave* is at liberty to insert into that Account, the Particulars of the Money he alledges to have laid out and expended for the said poor Almsmen, over and above what he hath yet received as aforesaid.]

(1.) And, We do ordain, that from Lady Day, 1719, the Churchwardens of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) who are Paymasters of the said Almshouse, do keep a Book wherein to enter the Accounts of their Receipts and Disbursements of the Revenues of the said Charity, and that those Accounts be kept distinct from, and not intermixed with the Accounts relating to the Affairs of the said Parish; and that they do at the end of every Year, for the Time to come, make up their said Accounts, and deliver the same to

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the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, (for the time being) as one of the Governors of the said Almshouse, if he shall require the same, and in default of such request, then to the other Inhabitants of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, according to the Eleventh Ordinance made in 1635, for that purpose, in order to be approved of by him, or them as aforesaid:—And, We do further order, that the said Churchwardens of *Woodbridge*, do forthwith receive the Rents now due and in Arrear, from the several Tenants of the said Premises belonging to the said Almshouse, and that they do out of the said Rents and Profits forthwith, put the said Almshouse, and Tenement, called *Coptball*, in good and substantial Repair, and pay to the said poor Almsmen and Nurses what is due to them respectively, for their pensions and allowances, settled by the said former Ordinances.

(2.) And, We further ordain, that the Minister and Churchwardens of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) or any two of them, whereof the said Minister or Curate to be one, shall, for the future, have power to elect, nominate, choose, and allow of such person or persons, as have dwelled and lived honestly in the said Town of *Woodbridge*, by the space of three years next before the said election, according to the said former Ordinances, to fill up the said number of thirteen poor men, within the said Almshouse, as shall from time to time be wanting, by means of death, displacing, or otherwise; and that they the said Minister and Churchwardens, or any two of them as aforesaid, do within two months after such vacancy shall so happen as aforesaid, elect and fill up the same, and if they shall neglect, or refuse so to do within the time aforesaid,—then, upon a Certificate thereof made by any one of them to the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, the Governors of the said Hospital, (for the time being) do proceed to elect and fill up such vacancy as shall so happen as aforesaid:—And, We do also ordain, that such of the three poor widows as shall at any time hereafter be wanting to make up the said number, shall be elected and chosen by such Person and Persons, and in such manner and form, as We have before ordained and set down, for the election of the said thirteen poor men.

(3.) And, whereas the Yearly Revenues of the said Almshouse, (which by the 35th Ordinance made by the said *Thomas Seckford*, the Founder, appeared to amount to *one hundred and twelve pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence*) are now increased, and do amount to *one hundred and eighty pounds* per Ann. clear of Taxes, out of which the several sums directed to be paid by the several Ordinances now in being, to and for the use of the several persons therein named, amounting to *ninety seven pounds eleven shillings and eight-pence* being deducted, there will remain an overplus of *eighty three pounds eleven shillings and eight-pence*.—We do ordain, that the Paymaster of the said Almshouse, do, from and after Easter, One thousand seven hundred and nineteen, pay out of the said *eighty three pounds eleven shillings and eight-pence* surplus profits, the several Sums following,

lowing, Yearly, to the several Persons following, as an increase of their former Allowances, at such times, and in such proportions, as the former Allowances are to be paid, viz. To the Principal of the poor of the said Almshouse, over and above his former pension, *six pounds* per Ann.—and to each of the other twelve poor men, over and above their former pensions, *four pounds* per Ann. quarterly, amounting in the whole, to *forty eight pounds*,—and to each of the said three poor widows, *two pounds thirteen shillings and four pence* per Ann. over and above their former pensions, which said increase amounts to *eight pounds* per Ann.—And to the Minister or Curate of *Woodbridge* aforesaid, (for the time being) *twenty shillings* per Ann. over and above his former allowance, —“ so long as he shall continue to visit and instruct the Poor of the said Almshouse in the needfull Points of true Religion,”—according to a former Ordinance made for that purpose; and, if the said Minister or Curate shall neglect, or refuse to visit and instruct the said Poor, as often as the said Ordinance doth require, then the said Paymaster are to detain the payment of the allowance given to the said Minister or Curate, and Certify that Matter to the Governors of the said Almshouse, (for the time being) in order for their further directions therein. And, We do also ordain, that the *forty shillings* per Ann. which was allowed to the Paymasters of the said Almshouse, by an Ordinance made by the said *Thomas Seckford*, the Founder, and which was afterwards taken off by a subsequent Ordinance made in 1635, *be again restored and allowed to the said Paymasters yearly*,—out of the aforesaid surplus profits, to commence from Easter 1719.

(4.) And, We do further Ordain, that after the said several Pensions, Sum, and Sums of Money before mentioned, be truly paid and satisfied, in such manner as aforesaid, and in such manner as is expressed in and by the said Ordinances of the said *Thomas Seckford*, the Founder, that whatsoever surplusage shall be of the Rents and Revenues of the said Almshouse, or which shall be then remaining in the hands of the said Churchwardens, Paymaster as aforesaid, shall be by them laid out every Year, to and for such Uses as are expressed in the Ordinances already made by the said *Thomas Seckford* for that purpose.

*End of the Orders and Ordinances made and devised by Sir JOSEPH JEKYLE, Knight, and Sir PETER KING, Knight.*

## ORDERS

Time been made by the Governors of the said Almshouse, and by the said Sir Joseph Jekyle, Knight, and Sir Peter King, Knight, by the late Sir Joseph Jekyle, Knight, and Sir Peter King, Knight, the said Governors of the said Almshouse, whereby (amongst other things) the Pensions and Allowances payable to the said Almshouse have been raised and increased, and such other Regulations made for the better management of the Persons to be admitted into the said Almshouse, as by the said several Statutes and Ordinances may more fully appear.

# ORDERS AND ORDINANCES,

made and devised by Us, Sir THOMAS SEWELL, Knight, Master of the Rolls, and Sir JOHN EARDLEY WILMOT, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, Governors of the Hospital or Almshouse, called, SECKFORD'S ALMSHOUSE, in *Woodbridge*, in the County of Suffolk, (the Heir Male of the Body of THOMAS SECKFORD, the Founder of the said Almshouse being long since extinct)—for the Government and Order of the *thirteen poor Men*, and *three poor Women*, placed, and hereafter to be placed and resident in the said Almshouse, and in the Tenement, called, *Copthall*, adjoining thereto; and also, for the Order and Distribution of the Rents and Revenues given and appointed for the Sustainment and Maintenance of the same, set down in Writing, under our Hands, this thirteenth Day of May, One thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight,—and made in pursuance of the Power and Authority given unto Us in that behalf, as Governors of the said Almshouse, in and by Letters Patent heretofore made and granted unto the said *Thomas Seckford*, the Founder of the said Almshouse, bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of May, in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and inrolled in his Majesty's High Court of Chancery.

Whereas the said *Thomas Seckford*, Founder of the said Almshouse, by a certain Instrument in Writing, bearing Date the Tenth Day of July, in the twenty ninth Year of the Reign of the said Queen *Elizabeth*, by Virtue of the Power and Authority granted unto him by the said Letters Patents, made and devised several Ordinances and Statutes, for the election, admission, exercise, correction, expulsion, Government and Order of thirteen poor Men, and three poor Women, to be placed in the said Almshouse, and for the support and maintenance thereof, whereby certain Sums of Money and other Allowances were directed to be paid for the Annual Support of the said Almshouse, out of the Rents and Profits of a certain Close, at *Clerkenwell*, in the County of *Middlesex*, by the said Founder, settled and appropriated for Payment thereof, and many good and wholesome Laws were made for the preservation of good Order and Morality in the said Almshouse :—

And, whereas several other Ordinances and Statutes have from Time to Time been since made by the Governors of the said Almshouse, and particularly on the Twenty-second Day of January, One thousand Seven hundred and Eighteen, by the late Sir JOSEPH JEKYLE, Knight, and Sir PETER KING, Knight, the then Governors of the said Almshouse, whereby, (among other Things) the Pensions and Allowances payable to the said Alms-people have been raised and increased, and such other Regulations made for the Government of the Persons to be admitted into the said Almshouse, as by the said several Statutes and Ordinances may more fully appear :—

And,

And, whereas the said Estate at *Clerkenwell*, which upon the last Leases was lett at *one hundred and eighty pounds* per Annum; has been lately lett by Us, upon Six New Leases, commencing from Midsummer and Michaelmas, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven*, the reserved Rents whereof amount in the whole, to the Sum of \**FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE POUNDS*, per Annum, clear of Taxes, the Lessees also covenanting to Rebuild all the said Premises, for the lasting Benefit and Improvement of the said Estate, and to lay out not less than the Sum of *fourteen thousand seven hundred pounds* in such new Building.

And, whereas the Minister, Churchwardens, and Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Woodbridge*, have lately preferred their Petition unto Us, setting forth, that they humbly apprehended that it would tend to the better Government and perpetual Support of the said Charity, and be most agreeable to the Intentions of the said Founder, as well as the Benefit and Advantage of the said Almsmen and Nurses, if the said increased Rents were to be applied in the Manner herein after directed:—Upon due Consideration of which Petition, as also of the said Letters Patents, and the several Rules and Ordinances abovementioned,—We the said Governors of the said Hospital or Almshouse, DO HEREBY Ordain, Direct, and Appoint:—

(1.) *FIRST*,—That the Churchwardens of the said Parish of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) shall receive the Rents of the said new Leases, according to the thirty-third Ordinance of the said Founder, and out of the first Money that shall come to their Hands more than is sufficient to pay the present Pensions and Allowances of the said Almsmen and Nurses, and the present Exhibitions to the Minister and Churchwardens of *Woodbridge*, and the Poor of *Clerkenwell*,—to reimburse themselves all the Charges of the Application for such new Leases, and all Expences incurred, or to be incurred by Reason thereof, or any Ways relating thereto; and shall also be at Liberty to lay out and expend such Sum or Sums of Money in the immediate repairing, supporting, and maintaining the said Almshouse, and Premises, as the Minister and Churchwardens shall be advised, or think necessary.

*Second*,—And, We do further ordain and direct, that as soon as the several Sums abovementioned shall be paid and discharged, the Pensions and Allowances directed by the said former Ordinances shall from that Time be further encreased in the Manner following,—that is to say,—The Allowance of *twelve*

pounds

\* To which may be added, the Ground-Rent for *Coptball*, lett to *Moses Cox*, upon a Building-Lease, for 60 Years, dated 1777, at *TEN SHILLINGS* per Annum, making together the Sum of £563. 10. the whole amount of the Annual Revenue of this Charity, received by the Churchwardens.—The House now appropriated for the Use of the Nurses, was erected in the Year 1748, contiguous to the Men's Almshouse; and, towards which Building, the Inhabitants allowed £12. the same Year, from their Pools Rate.

*pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence* now payable to the PRINCIPAL of the said Almsmen, shall be encreased to the Sum of TWENTY-SEVEN POUNDS per Annum.—The Allowance of *nine pounds* now payable to the other twelve Almsmen, shall be encreased to the Sum of TWENTY POUNDS per Annum each.—and the Allowance of *five pounds six shillings and eight-pence* now payable to the said three Nurfes, shall be encreased to the Sum of TWELVE POUNDS per Annum each, all which said Allowances shall be paid Quarterly.

*Third*,—Provided nevertheless, And, We do hereby declare, that in Case any of the said Almsmen, or Nurfes, shall not duly observe and keep all the said former Ordinances, or shall in any Manner whatsoever misapply, or make an improper Use of the said Allowances :—The Minister and Churchwardens of *Woodbridge*, (for the time being) shall have Liberty to stop and detain from any of the said Almsmen and Nurfes so offending, the said encreased Allowance, or such Part or Parts thereof, as they shall think proper, so that no such deduction be made without the unanimous Consent of the said Minister and Churchwardens; and all such Money, so to be deducted as aforesaid, shall go, and be applied to the same Purposes, as the Surplus of the Rents herein after mentioned.

*Fourth*,—That the said Churchwardens, (for the Time being) shall provide for each of the said thirteen poor Men,—*one gown or outward garment,—one waistcoat,—one pair of breeches,—one hat,—three shirts,—two pair of shoes,—and two pair of stockings*; and for each of the said three Nurfes,—*one hat,—one gown,—and under-cloathing,—three shifts,—two pair of shoes,—and two pair of stockings*, every Year, at such Times as they shall think proper.

*Fifth*,—That the said Churchwardens shall also provide for each of the said Sixteen Alms People, *one chaldron and an half of coals*, every Year, to burn in their respective Rooms, (in lieu of wood); the said *coals* to be delivered at such Times of the Year, and in such Quantities, as they shall think proper.

*Sixth*,—That there shall be paid to the Minister of *Woodbridge*, (for the Time being) for instructing the said Alms-People, as directed by the said former Ordinances, and for visiting them when sick, TEN POUNDS a Year.—To the Churchwardens, for their additional Trouble in receiving the Rents, overseeing the Repairs, providing Necessaries for the Alms-People, and seeing the Orders and Ordinances regularly observed, FIVE POUNDS a Year EACH.—And to the Poor of *Clerkenwell*, TEN POUNDS a Year.

*Seventh*,—That the Overplus of the said Rents, shall, in the first Place be applied towards the necessary Annual Repairs of the said Almshouse, and to provide Medicines and Attendance for such of the Alms-People as shall happen to be sick, and to bury such as shall die there, providing the Person so dying shall

shall not die possessed of Effects sufficient to defray that Expence.

*Eight*,—That in Case any of the said three Nurses shall at any Time be rendered by Age, or Sickness, incapable of doing their Duty, the said Minister and Churchwardens, (for the Time being) shall be at Liberty, with their unanimous Consent and Approbation, to appoint any other Person or Persons for that Purpose, and to make her, or them such Allowance for their Pains and Trouble, out of the Overplus of the said Rents, as they shall think reasonable.

*Ninth*,—That in Case any Overplus of the said Rents shall remain, after Payment of the several Sums of Money before mentioned, and such other Expences as shall at any Time hereafter happen on Account of the said Almshouse, the said Minister and Churchwardens, (for the Time being) shall, by unanimous Consent only) be at Liberty to apply the said Overplus towards the Relief of such of the Poor and indigent People of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, as dwell out of the said Almshouse, according to the thirty-sixth Ordinance of the said Founder, so as the Person or Persons who shall be relieved as aforesaid,—“do not receive Alms of that, or any other Parish.”

*Tenth*,—That the said Churchwardens, (for the Time being) shall, every Year, within the space of thirty Days, after new Churchwardens shall be elected, make out their Accounts of all the Monies received and paid by them respectively, on Account of the said Almshouse, during the last preceeding Year, (which Accounts shall be audited, and signed and settled at *Woodbridge*, in the usual manner) and within the space of ten Days after, their Accounts shall be so audited, the said late Churchwardens shall pay to their Successors, the balance then remaining in their Hands, to be applied to the purposes hereby directed.

*Eleventh*,—That if the overplus and savings on Account of the said Almshouse, shall at any Time hereafter appear by the balance of the said Accounts, to amount to the Sum of *one hundred pounds*, or upwards, the same shall be forthwith laid out and invested in such of the Publick Funds, or Government Securities, as the said Minister and Churchwardens shall think proper, and the Interest from Time to Time arising therefrom, shall be received and accounted for by the said Churchwardens, in like Manner as the Rents and Profits of the said Estate at *Clerkenwell* are herein before directed: But that all and every such Principal Sum or Sums of Money shall remain in the said Funds, and shall not be sold, received, or lessened, without the Consent of the Governors of the said Almshouse, (for the Time being.)

*Twelfth*,—That the said Churchwardens, shall, every Year, within three Months after their Accounts shall be settled at *Woodbridge*, transmitt to each of the Governors of the said Almshouse, (for the Time being) a true Copy of their

their said Accounts fairly transcribed, and signed by them, and the other Persons who shall audit the same, in Order that the said Governors may make such further Orders and Directions relating to the said Almshouse, as they shall from Time to Time judge necessary.

*Thirteenth*,—And Lastly,—We do hereby ordain, direct, and appoint, That all the Ordinances of the said Founder; and those which have from Time to Time been made by any of the Governors of the said Almshouse, shall be in every respect punctually observed and performed.

*End of the last Orders and Ordinances made and devised by the Governors Sir THOMAS SEWELL, Knight, and Sir JOHN EARDLEY WILMOT, Knight.*

1670,---In a Suit in Chancery between *John Cage* of *Dallingham*, in the County of *Cambridge*, Esq. (Son and Heir of *Sir Anthony Cage*, of *Langton*, in the said County of *Cambridge*, Knight, and *Dame Mary* his Wife, who was the Neice and Heir of *THOMAS SECKFORD*, Esquire, late Master of Requests, and Founder of the Almshouse at *Woodbridge*) it was mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the said *John Cage*; and *Sir Harbottle Grimston*, Baronet, Master of the Rolls, and *Sir John Vaughan*, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, the then Governors of the said Almshouse, that the said *Cage* should confirm the four Leases to the Tenants then in Possession of the Estate lying in *Clerkenwell*, recited in the Will and Ordinances before mentioned; and further, that the said *Cage* should levy a Fine and Assurance to the said Governors, of all and singular the Premises with their and every of their Appurtenances, situate and lying in the Parish of *Clerkenwell*, in a certain Close, called *St. Mary's Close*, there; and of all and singular the before recited Premises situate and lying in *Woodbridge* aforesaid, with their, and every of their Appurtenances thereto belonging, in as full, clear, and explicit Terms, to them the said Governors, and to their Successors for Ever, as by any Deed given or granted at any former Period, by the said *Thomas Seckford*, the Founder of the said Almshouse.

*The Deeds, and other Documents relating to this Charity are deposited in Woodbridge Town Chest.--- and in the Court of Chancery.*

*Extracts from the last Leases granted by the Governors.*

The Governors—"Have by and with the consent, and good liking of the Minister and Churchwardens and other Inhabitants of the said Town of *Woodbridge*, testified by their subscribing their Names to an Indorsement on these Presents for that purpose, demised &c."—

—Rent to be paid on the Quarterly Days,—“at, or in the Common Dining Hall of *Lincoln's Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*”—

—Premises demised, not to be alienated, (*except by Will only*) without Licence from the Governors, under the Penalty of £20. *nomine pene*; to be forfeited in one Calendar Month after such alienation, for the Use of the Poor of the Almshouse.—

—Premises new erected, to be Insured in some of the Public Offices.—

—Lessees to give Security to the Governors, &c. (if required) for performance of their Building Contracts within the Times limited,

*Table of Contents of the Ordinances and Statutes made and devised by Sir John Fynch, Knight, and Henry Seckford, Esquire.*

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Annual Rent of Mr. Seckford's Estate in Clerkenwell,	£563	0
Ground Rent of Copt Hall, in Woodbridge, - - -		10
	£563	10

### Penfions and Exhibitions per Annum.

To the Principal,	£27	0	0
12 Poor Men, each, £20.	240	0	0
3 Nurfes, each £12	36	0	0
Exhibition to the Minifter of Woodbridge,	10	0	0
Exhibition to the Churchwardens, each £5.	10	0	0
Exhibition to the Poor of Clerkenwell,	10	0	0
	£333	0	0

The amount of the above Sums, are paid in their refpective Proportions, on or about the ufual Quarterly Days. The remaining £230. 10. is expended towards Cloathing, Firing, Medical Attendance, Repairs, &c. —The Surplus, (if any), diftributed among fuch poor and indigent People, living in Woodbridge, as do not receive the Alms of that, or any other Parifh.

Statement of the Men, and Nurfes, in Mr. SECKFORD's ALMS-HOUSES, on the 1ft January 1792;—the Trade or Occupation each Man followed previous to his admiffion;—the Time when elected, with their then refpective Ages.

#### P R I N C I P A L.

No.	Name	Admitted.	Age.
No. 1.	WILLIAM SWAINE, Sen. <i>Writing-Mafter</i> ,	26 Jan. 1788	64

#### A L M S M E N.

2.	JAMES HUGGING,	<i>Peruke-Maker</i> ,	20 Jan. 1784	64
3.	THOMAS PEACOCK,	<i>Taylor</i> ,	17 Oct. 1785	58
4.	MOSES COE,	<i>Labourer</i> ,	6 July 1779	62
5.	WILLIAM CARLTON,	<i>Peruke-Maker</i> ,	4 Aug. 1787	60
6.	WILLIAM NORFIELD,	<i>Innholder</i> ,	13 Nov. 1789	70
7.	THOMAS GIRLING,	<i>Grocer</i> ,	29 Nov. 1777	46
8.	THOMAS ALLISON,	<i>Carpenter</i> ,	13 May 1788	69
9.	THOMAS LIST,	<i>Labourer</i> ,	9 Aug. 1774	58
10.	THOMAS PARISH,	<i>Bricklayer</i> ,	5 July 1776	56
11.	PHILIP EADE,	<i>Carpenter</i> ,	30 Oct. 1789	60
12.	ROBERT HOWELL,	<i>Innholder</i> ,	11 Mar. 1785	51
13.	ABRAHAM CHURCH,	<i>Peruke-Maker</i> ,	30 Dec. 1791	68

#### N U R S E S.

1.	SARAH KELL,	<i>Widow</i> ,	25 Mar. 1791	56
2.	MARY RYE,	<i>Widow</i> ,	23 Dec. 1782	57
3.	MARY BUTTRUM,	<i>Widow</i> ,	29 Oct. 1789	51

#### F I N I S.

## (1) WOODBRIDGE PRIORY

**W**AS of the Order of St. *Augustine*, founded by Sir *Hugh Rous* or *Rufus*, and dedicated to the Virgin Mary, but at what Time is uncertain.— The Priors of *Woodbridge* were originally presented by the Patrons of the Priory; but afterwards elected by the Convent; and the first of those Priors which occurs, was

**AMBROSE**, in 1267. Sir Richard de Brews or Breoufe, and Alice his Wife, levied a Fine to him of ten Marks annual Rent in Lyre, to find a Priest to say Mass in *Woodbridge* Church daily, for the Souls of the said Richard and Alice.

**THOMAS**, occurs 1286.

**HENRY DE ECCLES**, admitted 9 Kal. Jul. 1305.

**JOHN DE ATHELINGTON**, adm. 4 Kal. Dec. 1326.

**JOHN BRUNDISH**, adm. 2 Kal. Feb. 1342.

**WILLIAM BAST**, occurs 1345.

**JOHN HADLEY**, adm. 4 July, 1349.

**WILLIAM HALTON**, —

**HENRY BROM**, adm. 20 Aug. 1371.

**THOMAS DE TROSTON**, adm. 25 Aug. 1372.

**WILLIAM DE MELTON**, adm. 2 Mar. 1394.

**THOMAS PARHAM**, adm. 12 April, 1432.

**NICHOLAS FOSTER**, adm. Feb. 1447.

**JOHN HAUGH** alias **HADLEY**, adm. 1 June, 1493.

**AUGUSTINE RIVERS**, occurs 1507; he was elected Prior of Butley, 1509.

**RICHARD BOOL**, elected in Sep. 1509. Died 26 Jan. 1515.

**THOMAS COOK**, elect. penult. Feb. 1515, was Bachelor of Common Law, and resigned to **HENRY BASSINGBOURN** Canon of Butley.

**HENRY BASSINGBOURN**, elected 18 Feb. 1530: He was the last Prior of *Woodbridge*.

In a (2) Book of Taxations formerly belonging to Bury Abbey, the Spiritualities of *Woodbridge* are there taxed at 5 Marks, 6s. 8d. [The Deaconry of Loes Hundred at £242. 6. 4.]

The distresses in which Edward III. soon involved himself by his Foreign Wars, bring us acquainted with the value of *Woodbridge Rectory* at that Time.

(3) In the Parliament which met in March 1340, the Prelates, Earls, Barons, and Knights of Shires, granted the King for two Years, the ninth Sheaf, Fleece and Lamb. The contribution this Town was to make, is thus recorded in the Rolls of the Ninths taken 14th and 15th Edw. III. by Jurors appointed for that Purpose; "They say, that the 9th Sheaf, Fleece and Lamb, in the Town of

(1) Weever's Funeral Monuments, 4to pa. 408. and Hawes's MS. Hist. of the Hundreds of Loes and Wilford. (2) MS. in possession of CRAVEN ORD, Esq. (3) Blomfield's History of Norfolk, vol. 3. pa. 276, and vol. 4. pa. 419, 420, &c.

of *Woodbridge*, is valued this Year, at 37s. 8d. and no more, because the Rector has 20 Acres of Land which is worth by the Year, 10s.; Tyths of Hemp and Flax, worth by the Year, 16s.; Tyth of a Mill, worth by the Year, 3s.; and the above is sworn to by *William Bok*, *William Turpyn*, and *William de Presterne*, Jurors of the aforesaid Town.

(1) The Prior and Convent were seized in Demefne as of Fee, of Manors of *Woodbridge* and *Haspeley*. (2) And of Lands, Tenements, Tythes, or Rents, in *Woodbridge* to the value of £13 10. 10. In *Helmetham*, Lands or Rents, 50s. 8d. In the Parish of *St. Lawrence*, *Ipswich*, rents 1d. In *St. George*, *Ipswich*, rents 7s. 2d. *St. Nicholas*, rents 11d. In *Akenham*, Lands and Rents, 8s. 1d. *Henley Rents*, 9s. 6d. *Orford Rents*, 23d. *Stradbroke Rents*, 12d. *Sutton Rents*, 13s. *Loudham Lands*, 2s. *Bradefeld Rents*, 9d. *Bromeswell Rents and Lands*, 3s. 3d. *Boulge Rents*, 12d. *Debach Lands and Rents*, 2s. 11d. *Clopton Rents*, 3d. *Martlesham Rents, Lands, and Mill*, at 79s. *Belings Mag. of Rent*, 5s. *Bealings Parva*, rents 2s. *Gruhdesburgh Rents*, 14d. *Burgh Rents*, 14s. 11d. *Hasketon*, of rents or land, 19s. 6d. &c. &c. All which were valued at the Dissolution, at £50. 3s. 51d. per Annum.

They were also seized as of Fee, of the Churches of *Woodbridge*, *Brandeston*, and *St. Gregory* in *Ipswich*; with a Portion of Tythes in *Stradbroke*, and *Wingfield*. And the small Priory of *Alnesburne* in *Colneis Hundred* was united to this Priory. For no Account of the Priors of *Alnesburn* can be found after *Richard II.* But in the Episcopal Visitations in 1508, and 1514, the Prior of *Woodbridge* paid the Bishop's Procurations, for the impropriated Churches of *Alnesburn* and *Hagtree* or *Halwetree* appropriated to *Alnesburn*. Besides the Manor of *Alnesburn* passed with *Woodbridge*, in the Grant made to *John Wingfield, Esq.* and *Dorothy* his Wife.

Their Fair on Lady Day was allowed by the Justices in Eyre in 1286, to be valid by Prescription.—(Pl. Coron. in Scacc. 14 Edw. I.)—The Other, by Grant of *Queen Elizabeth*, to *Thomas Seckford, Esq.* before mentioned, on *St. Matthew's Day*, and the Day following.

The PRIORY CHURCH, when in being, evidently appears to have joined the Chancel belonging to the PAROCHIAL CHURCH, at the south-east end, and in all probability extended towards the ABBEY; as it is now called: The Bodies buried in the Priory Church, were these which follow:

(3) *Ex Regist.* Sir *Hugh Rous*, or *Rufus*, the Founder, and Dame *Alice* his Wife. Sir *William Rous*, and Dame *Isabel* his Wife. Sir *Arnold Rous*, and Dame *Elizabeth* his Wife. Sir *Giles Rous*. Sir *Arnold Rous*, and Dame *Isabel* his Wife. Sir *Richard Brews*, and Dame *Alice* his Wife. Sir *John Brews*, and Dame *Eve*, his Wife. Sir *John*

(1) Hawes's MS. (2) Mr. ORD's MSS. (3) Weever's Funeral Monuments.

*John Brews*, and Dame *Agnes* his Wife. Sir *Richard Brews* lord of Stadbrooke. Sir *Giles Brews*. Sir *Robert Brews*, and Dame *Ela* his Wife. Sir *Thomas Brews*, and Dame *Joan* and *Elizabeth* his Wives. Sir *Nicholas Weyland*, and Dame *Beatrix* his Wife. Sir *Thomas Weyland*. Sir *Robert Weyland*. Sir *Herbert Weyland*. *William Brews*, Esquire. *William Melton*. *Richard Feningle*. *Muriell Guncill*. *Seuall Woodbridge*. *Edmond Woodbridge*. Sir *John Skandlow*, and Dame *Elizabeth* his Wife.

The Names of certain Persons registered in this Monastery in a Table, for whose Souls the Prior and Convent were bound to Pray and say Mass.

Sir *Hugh Rous*, or *Red*, the Founder, and six other Knights of the same Surname. Sir *Richard Brews*, Knight, lord of Stradbroke, Patron of the Church, with seven other Knights of the same Surname, and their Wives. Sir *Robert de Ufford*, and Dame *Cecily* his Wife. *Robert de Ufford*, Earl of Suffolk, and Dame *Margaret* his Wife:—

This *Robert*, who was also Knight of the Garter, lord of Eye and Framlingham, he, and *William Montague*, Earl of Salisbury, were Generals of King Edward the Third's Army in Flanders, when he went to make his Claim to the Crown of France. He served under the Black Prince at the Battle of Poitiers, where *John*, the French King was taken Prisoner. He died in the forty-third Year of King Edward III. on the Sunday after All Saints.

Sir *William Ufford*, second Earl of Suffolk, of that Surname, and *Isabel* his Wife: This Earl built the Church at *Parham* in this County: He died suddenly in the Parliament House at Westminster, speaking for the Commons, the 15th of Feb. 1382, in the 5th Year of Richard II.

Dame *Maud Henaud*, Countess of ——— Sir *William de Loudham*, Knight. *Robert Rendlesham*. *Anstin Philip*. *Joan St. Philbert*, Daughter of the Earl of Suffolk. *Isabel de Brabam*: And *Edward*, the Son of Sir *Thomas of Brotherton*.

Ancient Monumental Inscriptions, &c. in the PAROCHIAL CHURCH, great part of which were defaced by the Visitor *Dowsing*, in 1643, and 1644.

Hic jacet JOHANNES ALBRED, quondam Twelewever, istius ville . . . ob. primo die Maij . . . \*1400. et AGNES vxor eius. — This *Twill-weaver*, with *Agnes* his Wife, were at the charges (people of all degrees being as then forward to beautify the House of God) to cut, gild, and paint, a rood loft or a partition betwixt the body of the church and the choir: whereupon the pictures of the cross, and crucifix, the virgin Mary, of angels, archangels, saints, and martyrs, are figured to the life: which how glorious it was when it was all standing, may be discerned by that which remaineth. This their work of piety was depensiled upon the fabric; of which so much as is left:

Orate

\* *ALBRED*'s Will bears date in 1448, by which he bequeathed 20 Marks towards building the Steeple; whereupon his Name may yet be discerned on a Tablet inserted in the North Wall, at the height of about 24 feet.

Orate . . . JOHANNIS ALBREDE et AGNETIS . . . soluerunt pro pictura totius huius operis superne . . . videlicet crucis crucifixi, Marie, archangelorum et totius candelab. . . .

The names of some of the saints portraied upon the work, and yet remaining, are these, St. Paul, St. Edward, St. Knelme, St. Oswald, St. Cuthbert, St. Blase, St. Quintin, St. Leodgare, St. Barnaby, St. Jerom, &c. &c.

Orate . . . † JOHANNIS KEMPE, qui obiit 3 Julij 1459. et pro animabus MARGARETE, ac JOHANNIS et MARGARETE vxorum. . . .

Pray for . . . of § ROBERT PARTRICH, botcher . . . who dyed on Midsummer day, Mccccxxxiij. MARIORY and ALIS his wyffs. . . . MARIORY the vi of Henry the viii. ALIS . . . on their souls, their children' souls, and all cristen souls, almighty Jesu haue mercy.

#### MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS continued to the Year 1792.

On the South Side of the Altar.

Under this Marble resteth the Bodye of \*THOMAS KNIGHTS of this Town, Gent. who Departed this life 30th January, Ao. 1707. In the 64th Year of his Age. Leaving behind him MARY his Wife, who was one of Daughters and Eldest Coheir of *Robert Goodwin of Charsefield*, in this County, Gent. By whom the said THOMAS had Issue living at his Death,—ROBERT, THOMAS, MARY, and ELIZABETH.

\* Arms. Arg. 3 bendlets G. on a Canton Az. a Spur, Or. impaled with Goodwin.

North Side of the Altar, upon a brass plate.) \*JOHN SHORLAND, obiit 1601. Ætatis suæ 7.

Heaven & this Stone disjoyned keepes  
me double sayre in Minde and Face;  
Heaven hath his Soule, his Corpse here sleepes,  
'Till joyn'd both joy a joyfull Place.  
Thus loos'd by Death to Christ liues knitt,  
Whom Men did loue for Grace and Witt.  
Christus solus mihi Salus.

• Arms. Az. 6 lions ramp. Ar. 3, 2, & 1. a canton Erm. Crest, a griffin segreant Ar. holding in the dexter paw a fleur-de-lis Or.

North Side of the Chancel.) † PHILIPPUS GILLET alias CANDLER,—obiit Octob. 6. 1689. (Was descended from an ancient Family of that Surname which formerly resided at Yoxford, in this County; he was Master of the Grammar School here 19 Years, which had then the credit of producing a list of Gentlemen of rank and character, who, after receiving their education in that Seminary, became the brightest ornaments of this Country.)

† Arms. Erm. on a bending ingrailed Sa. 3 pikes or lucys heads erased Ar. double brazed Gu. Crest, a pike's head erect erased Gu. double brazed Or.

South

† He left by his Will, dated 1458, xiiijlb. towards building the Steeple:—And lxviij. viiid. towards the North Porch.

§ He also left by his Will, dated 1459, xiiij. ijd. towards the Steeple; and xiiij. ijd. towards the North Porch.

(Near the former.) Rev: *das* PHILIPPUS GILLET alias CANDLER, A. M. obiit Maij 21. 1739. (Son of the last mentioned Gentleman; he was also Master of the Grammar School here, 14 Years.)

South Aile.) For a description of Mr. PYTMAN's Monument and Epitaph, see *Woodbridge Terrier*, 4to pa. 6.

In Memory of DAVID PRUDOM, late of this Town, who departed this Life Oct. 28th 1777. Aged 61. Also, ISABELLA his Wife, who departed this Life, Sep. 15. 1759. Aged 64. Also, MARY KENYON, his Mother, who departed this Life, Nov. 14th 1779, Aged 90.

In Memory of THOMAS MACKLISH, who died the 18th Jan: 1746, aged 72 Years. Also, MARY his Wife, who died the 5th Dec: 1761, aged 74 Years. Also, Three Grand Children, who died Infants. Also, § CHARLES RISSOWE, who died the 1st June, 1782, aged 67 Years. He married JANE, the Daughter of THOMAS and MARY MACKLISH.

§ Late Collector of his Majesty's Customs in the Port of Woodbridge.

Here lyeth the Body of Capt. WILLIAM HAMMOND, late of this Town, Son of THOMAS HAMMOND of *Ufford*, Gent. who departed this Life the 1st Day of May, 1748. Aged 61 Years.

Here lieth buried the Body of OLIVER TASTER, Gent. who dyed the 19th Day of Janvary, in the Yeare of our Lord, 1693.

In the Cross Aile.) THOMAS SMITH, died in the Year 1739, Aged 69.— Here resteth also the Body of PRISCILLA, the Wife of the said THOMAS SMITH, and Daughter of Dr. *Nath. Fairfax*, late of this Town, who departed this Life Nov. 7th In the Year of our Lord 1746, of her Age 74.

In Memory of ——— Wife of ROBERT HALL, of *Ipswich*, Mercht. Daughter of *Nathaniel Fairfax*, M. D. belov'd and died Dec. 1730, aged 52 Years. —Here resteth the Body of ——— FAIRFAX, Daughter ——— Doctor *Fairfax*, who departed this Life the 19th Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, 1750, and of her Age, 75.

M. S. \*NATHANIELIS FAIRFAX, M. D. e stirpe *Fairfaxiorum Eboracensium*: Qui medicinam feliciter exercuit. Non minus morum candore quam Judicij ac recline: In egenos Pariter ac æros Opiter. Natus Julij 24. 1637. denatus Jun. 12. 1690. Primam duxit uxorem ELIZ. BLACKERBY, e qua 4 filios et totidem filias Suscepit quorum Superstites reliquit *Blackerby*. PRISCILLAM, CATHARINAM, et SARAH. Secundam ELIZ. NATH. BACON Armigeri filiam, Quæ Obijt A. D. 1723. Ætat. 90.

\* Author of a Treatise on the Bulk and Selvedge of the World. A Letter from him is inserted in the 3d vol. of *Birch's History of the Royal Society*, pa. 386. Concerning a Young Lady that attempted to starve herself, but after 10 weeks trial (from April the 1st to June 16th) desisted and recovered.

Arms. Ar. 3 bars gemels Gu. surmounted by a lion ramp. Sa. armed and langued Az. A Crescent for difference.

Here lyeth Inter'd ye Body of JAMES MINGAY, of *Woodbridge*, Gent. who departed this Life, February ye 25th 1714, Aged 29 Years. And also 4 Young Children of the said JAMES and REBECCA his Wife,—JAMES, THOMAS, MASIN,

MASIN, JOHN, and JAMES. Near this Place also, at her own request, Lyes interred the Body of SUSAN, the Wife of JOHN WILSON, of this Town, Gent. She was one of the Da: of the Rev. Mr. *Asbwell*, Rector of *Peldon*, in Essex, and Sister in Law to Mr. MINGAY. Ob. Nov. 18. 1736. Æt. 48.

• Arms. Or. on a bend Az. 3 leopards heads Arg.

In Memory of DEBORAH, Relict of the Rev. Mr. JOHN LEEDS, who died 15 July, 1766. Aged 65 Years.

Middle Aile.) A spacious grave stone,—One Brass Figure remains, with the following Inscription, in old English Characters,—

As Thou art so was  
I, and as I am, so  
shalt thou be.

Here lyeth the Body of EDWARD LISSEMAN, who departed this Life, July ye 15. 1720, Aged 75 Years. Here lyeth the Body of MARY ye Wife of EDWARD LISSEMAN, who dyed ye 11th of October 1719, Aged 65 Years.

CHARLES PICKFATT, Esq; died 13th October 1784, Aged 88 Years.

Here resteth the Body of \*JOHN LODER, Merchant, who departed this Life, the 19th of August, 1755, Aged 64 Years. Also, DEBORAH his Wife, who departed this Life, the 9th of February, 1742, Aged 40 Years. Also, a CHILD, who died in its Infancy.

• See Leland's Itinerary, vol. 8, pa. 24, 25.

North Aile.) See Mr. SAYRE's Epitaph in *Woodbridge Terrier*, pa. 8.

In Memory of ROBERT, Son of DANIEL and JOANNA HALSEY, who departed this Life, the 26th of Dec. 1756, Aged 22 Years. Also, the above DANIEL HALSEY, who died the 14th Jan. 1758, Aged 62 Years. And also, JOANNA, Wife of the abovesaid DANIEL HALSEY, who died 3d Oct. 1774, Aged 72 Years.

EDMOND BOLTON, Ob. 1st December, 1729, Ætat. 23. Here lieth the Body of MARGERETT, the Wife of CHRISINGHAM GARDY, who died the 6th of April, 1732, Aged 30.

Here lyeth buried vnder this Stone, expecting a joyefull resurrection the Bodie of \*THOMAS BOLTON, of Woodbridge, in ye Countie of Suff. Esquire, who departed this natvral Lyfe the 23d Day of March, in the Yeare of ovr Lord God, 1616. Ætatis suæ, 48.

• Arms. 2 Coats quarterly, 1. & 4. Sa. a falcon Ar. beaked membred and belled Or. 2. & 3. Gu. 3 wolves heads erased Or. langued Az. a trefoil Vert, mantled G. doubled Ar.

Beneath this Stone lies interred the Remains of JAMES LYNN, late of this Town, Surgeon. Ob. 4th Aug. 1775, Aged 76 Years. Also, MARY-ANN, Granddaughter of the said JAMES LYNN, Ob. 12. Nov. 1774, Aged 2 Years.

Several other Persons are buried in this Church, without ANY Inscription.

Within the Steeple.) In Memory of JOHN HAMMOND, who departed this Life, the 12th of June, 1762, Aged 56 Years.

Here resteth in Hope of a Joyful Resurrection, MARY the Wife of JOSEPH KEYES, and Daughter of Mr. JOHN HAMMOND, who departed this Life, Anno Dom. 1762. Ætat. 31.

Upon

Upon a step under the Arch of the North Porch.) "The Burial Place of  
JOHN HARRISON, O.E. 31st 1758."

\* Through whose indefatigable industry and perseverance the Town of WOODBRIDGE is principally beholden for its Pavement, and in consequence thereof, to its increase of Trade. Mr. H. not only contributed handsomely towards it himself, but by an unceasing importunity prevailed with many Others likewise. The Undertaking was begun in 1753, and carried on by Subscription of the Inhabitants, and its Vicinity, at intervals, the Expence of which amounted to £800. and upwards.

† Woodbridge, a Member Port of Yarmouth, by Commission return'd into the Exchequer in Michaelmas Term, 28 Car. II.

A<sup>T</sup> Woodbridge, Mr. John Bass's Key measures in length 126 feet from the S. E. part of the said Key, to the N. W. and in breadth 32 feet, being so bounded by a Post fixed at the S. E. part, and by another Post at the N. W. one House call'd the *Old Warehouse* abutting against the N. E. side of the said Dock.

Mr. William Redgrave's Key contains in length, from the head thereof, 240 feet; and in breadth, from the Key Dock, or Wharf, on the S. W. 36 feet, including the Cross Dock, in length 36 feet, and in breadth at the N. E. end 36 feet, and at the S. E. end 24 feet, whose full extent is more particularly described by a Post fixed at the S. W. head of the said Key, distant 36 feet; and another at the N. W. head; there is a Salt-House, distant 55 feet S. W. and from the S. E. end of the said Key there is a Warehouse distant 59 feet, towards the S. W. which are all the Houses abutting against the said Key or Wharf.

† See an Account of all the Lawful Keys in England, &c. in Manley's Laws of the Customs, 8vo. 1742.

THOMAS ARNOT of Lowestoft, Merchant, by his Will, dated 1st October 1577, gives a Tenement called GAGES, situate in GISHAM, to the maintenance of a Free Grammar School at WOODBRIDGE. (*Of this bequest there is no Account remaining in the Town Books, of the Rents having been received or applied for such Purpose.*)

There remains in the Town Chest, an Old Deed dated in the reign of Q. Eliz. of a Gift of Lands to the Poor of WOODBRIDGE, there said to have been lying near the Procession-Way, in Melton. — (*Of this bequest we are unable to be particular; possibly a search in the Petty Bag Office would clear up the difficulty.*)

Extract from the last Will and Testament of Mr. John Rudland, late of Woodbridge, Surgeon, dated 1781.

"—my Mind and Will is, that he the said John Ridley, his Heirs or Assigns, shall pay out of my Real Estate, (lying and being in Woodbridge-Hasketon, now in the occupation of Francis Buttum) so given and devised unto him and them, a clear Yearly Annuity, or Sum of Three Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, without any deduction of Taxes, or otherwise; which I will, and order, shall be paid on the last Day of February, yearly, and every Year, for ever, into the hands of the Pastor and Deacons, (for the time being) of the Congregational Meeting House in Woodbridge aforesaid; of which the Rev. John Palmer is now Pastor: In Trust to be laid out by the said Pastor and Deacons, (for the time being) as they in their discretion shall think fit, for three Gowns, for three poor Widows, living in and belonging to the said Town of Woodbridge; and to be delivered to them the said poor Widows yearly, on the 2nd Day of April, in every Year for ever. — And in case default shall be made by the said John Ridley, his heirs or assigns, in Payment of the said Annuity, or yearly Sum of Three Pounds, as above mentioned, or any part of it, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Pastor and Deacons, to whom default in payment shall be made, to seize, enter into, and upon the aforesaid Estate and Premises charged therewith, or into any part thereof, in the name of the whole, and the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof to receive and take for the use and purpose aforesaid, until the said Annuity, or such part thereof as shall be in arrears, shall be fully paid and satisfied, with lawful Interest for the same, and all costs and charges occasioned by nonpayment thereof."

[Thomas Salkeld, of Woodbridge-Hasketon, Gent. is now the Proprietor of the above Estate] a Deed having been perfected by the respective Parties for securing the said Donation for Ever.]

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Books, &c. Printed for and Sold by R. Loder, *Woodbridge*;  
J. NICHOLS, *London*; and G. JERMYN, *Ipswich*.

The Ordinances and Statutes for the Government of Mr. *Sackford's* Almshouse in *Woodbridge*, &c. with 4 plates, 3s. 6d.

*Woodbridge Terrier*, exhibiting an Account of all the Charities, with Notes by the Editor. 1s. 6d.

Orders and Constitutions, &c. of the Free-School, in *Woodbridge*.—A Catalogue of the Books belonging to *Woodbridge Parish Library*. \* \* \* Both printed for the Use of the Inhabitants.

Large and well engraved View of *Woodbridge Church*, fine impressions of which may be had, 5s. each.

*Black's* Sermon on the Death of the Rev. *Thomas Caribew*, F. S. A. 6d.

*Dowling's* Journal, for demolishing Church Ornaments, &c. in *Suffolk*, in 1643, and 1644. 1s.

View of the Font in *Worlingworth Church*, *Suffolk*, (formerly in *St. Edmund's Bury Abbey*) drawn by N. Revett, Esq. engraved by G. Vertue. 1s. 6d.

*Kirby's* 12 Views of Monasteries, Castles, Churches, &c. in the County of *Suffolk*, 16s.

The Poll for the County of *Suffolk*, taken at the Election, in 1784. 1s. 6d.

*Suffolk Poll*, taken in 1790; to which is annexed, a List of Knights of the Shire from 1297, to 1471; and continued from 1542, to 1790; with a concise View of the contested Elections for this County, since the Year 1702.—2s. 6d.

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Of whom may be had,

*Faden's* large Map of the County of *Suffolk*, from the latest Survey, £2. 2s.

A smaller Map, reduced from the same, 7s. 6d.—color'd, on Rollers, 12s.

History of *Suffolk*, *Norfolk*, and *Essex*, 4to. with maps, &c. bound together,

*Kirby's* *Suffolk Traveller*, with a map of the County, and plans of the roads, 6s.

*Gardner's* History of *Dunwich*, with plates. 15s.

*Gillingwater's* History of *Lowestoft*. 10s. 6d.

